All Saints' Sunday

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FAITH - DISCIPLESHIP - COMMUNITY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

♦ GATHERING **♦**

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- **P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Holy One,
- C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
- P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through & Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
- C Amen.



- **P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.





- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God,
- C you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

→ THE WORD **→**

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation. ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

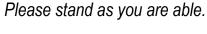
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Read Responsively

- **A** ¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- C ²I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- **A** ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
- C ⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- **A** ⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- C ⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- **A** ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
- C 8Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- **A** ⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
- C ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- **A** ²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

- A reading from first John. ¹See what love the Father has given 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. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
- **A** The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.





Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Alejandro Mejía

Please stand as you are able.



Please be seated.

- P In baptism our gracious heavenly Parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.
- P Who presents this child to receive the sacrament?

 Kate & Andrew: I present Olivia Marie Lipka for baptism.
- P Kim and Alex called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Olivia Marie baptized into Christ?

 Kim & Alex: I do.
- **P** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Olivia Marie among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Olivia may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Olivia Marie grow in the Christian faith and life?

Kim & Alex: I do.

P Kate and Andrew, do you promise to nurture Olivia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Kate & Andrew: I do.

- **P** People of God, do you promise to support Olivia Marie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C We do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P** Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Olivia Marie Lipka, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- P Sustain Olivia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- **P** Olivia Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- **P** Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Pastor introduces the newly baptized to the congregation.

Please stand, as you are able.

- **A** Let us welcome Olivia Marie as our sibling in Christ through baptism.
- C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.
- **A** Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

- **A** Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- **P** We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

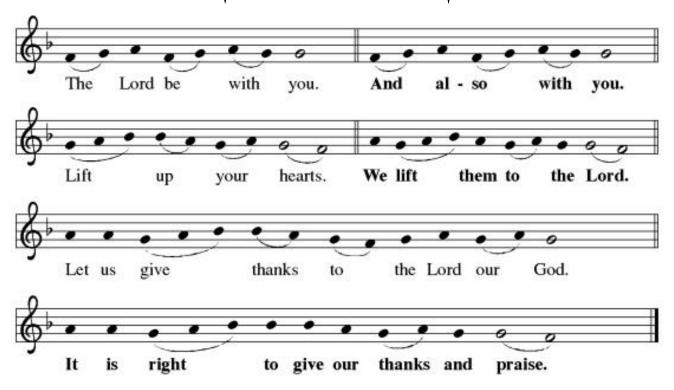
Offering and Offertory

Home R.E. Schram & A.N. Williams Chancel Choir

Please stand, as you are able. Bread. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv-ing come now to your ev - 'ry fed. We soul be ta - ble, Lord, let Liv-ing Bread, You the let ev - 'ry soul be fed: are and be fed with Liv - ing now may ev - 'ry soul Bread.

- **A** Let us pray. God of all goodness,
- C generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

+THE EUCHARIST **+**



The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the congregation responds:



P In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- **P** We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:
- 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.

- **P** There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

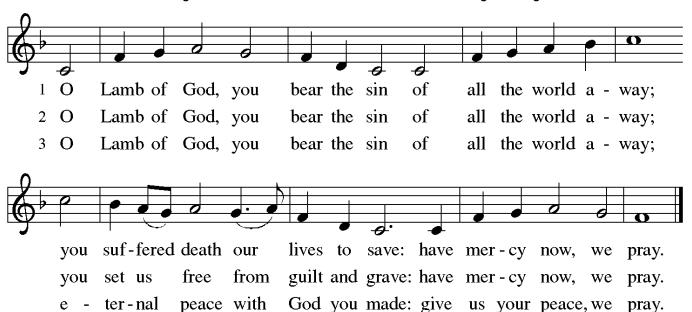
Remembering the Saints

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.

Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)

If you require communion to be brought to you in the pew, please alert an usher.

During the distribution of communion, the following is sung:



Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.



After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

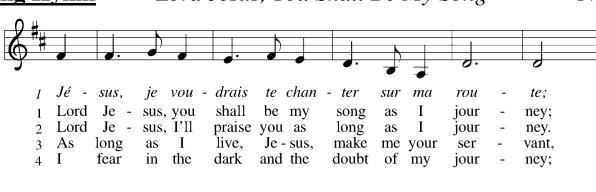
C Amen.

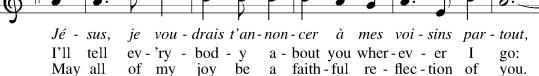
We are blessed to have Lay Eucharistic Ministers serving here at LCGS. On the first Sunday of each month, the bread and the wine they carry in their home communion kits are consecrated during our service. Home communion is then offered throughout the month to those who are unable to join us here. If you would like to join this ministry, know of someone who would like to receive home communion, or want more information, please contact the church office.

- P Let us pray. Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- A Let us pray. Lord Jesus,
- C in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

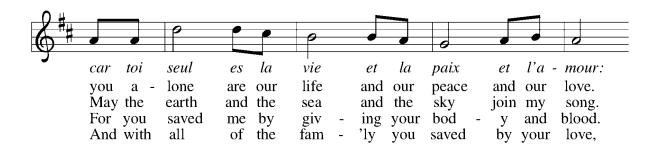
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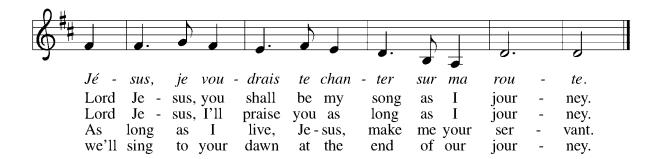
- **P** May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! In the name of the Parent, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.
- C Amen.





May all of my joy be a faith-ful re-flec-tion of you. to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur-dens and tears. but cour-age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.





- **A** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by

Kelly & Elliot Smith in Celebration of Evie's 5th Birthday.

All Saints' Remembrances

We remember the following *LCGS Members and Family

*Patsy Burgos (spouse of David White)

The Rev. William (Ted) Durr (father of Debbie Smeton)

Courtney Beth Glock (Neice of Sue & Stuart Goemmer)

Herman Fred Hildebrandt (father of Kathy Garbinski)

Paul McSorley (son of Betty McSorley)

Jane Ruhland (mom of Cathy Busick)

*William (Will) Schneider

Howard Solheim (father of Diane Brown)

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

Ray, Darius, Donald, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Ed, Marion, Betty, Doris, Theresa, Charles, Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Marge, Lee, Nicholas, Lois, Barbara & Bruce

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