



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship Bulletin for Sunday, November 1, 2020
All Saints' Day – 11 AM WORSHIP
With HOLY COMMUNION

***Prior to Worship, please text Prayers "Text in Church" # 314.329.0487
& Pastor will lift them in Prayer this week***

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + One God,
In whose image we are made,
Who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**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 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.**

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcomed,
in Jesus you are called to Rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Sweet Mercies*

Verse

It's our confession Lord that we are weak
So very weak but You are strong
And though we've nothing Lord
To lay at Your feet
We come to Your feet and say help us along
By Your Spirit now

Pre-Chorus

A broken heart and a contrite spirit
You have yet to deny
Your heart of mercy
Beats with love's strong current
Let the river flow
By Your Spirit now
Lord we cry

Chorus

Let Your mercies fall from heaven
Sweet mercies flow from heaven
New mercies for today
Shower them down Lord as we pray

CCLI Song # 1761464

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God,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.**

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING - Revelation 7:9-17 A reading from Revelation (Read by Worship Asst.)

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM - Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Read by Worship Asst. and **ALL in bold type**)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

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 (Read by Worship Asst.)

A reading from 1 John.

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God’s purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

KIDS MESSAGE

GOSPEL - Matthew 5:1-12 (Read by Bud Niebling, PMA)

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God’s favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (ELW p. 206) STEWARDSHIP is the Christian Life! – Preacher, Bud Niebling, PMA

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

Reading of Names of Saints

Bud: All Saints’ Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape we see now outdoors, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord’s table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Reading Names of those who have Died & those who have been Baptized since last All Saints’ Day:

Deaths

El-Vera Biedenstein (3.20)

Henry Elavsky (6.20)

Frank Hummel (1.20)

Judy Niebling (4.20)

Holly Powers (1.20)

Amy Schapp (11.19)

Baptisms

Charles Hawley (11.20)

Ann Jackson (8.20)

Violet Murphy (2.20)

Also: Alfred, Don, Emma, Eric, Eugene, Gary, George, Henry, Ida, Joan, Marlin, Norman, Ruth, Stella

Keyboard background music

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Led by Worship Asst.)

Longing for Christ’s reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God’s power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of all who care for the environment who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer, especially *Marilyn, Keith, Luanne, Jean, Sandy, Renate, Myron and Patsy, Adam, Kelly, Betty, Leah, Wayne, Rechek family, Jackie, Marcy, Dennis, Izetta and family, Nancy, Roger, Rose, Jim, Sandy, Bob, Tara, Norma, Pansana and family, and families caring for their loved ones.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our Central States Synod and our Bishop Susan Candea, and the Bishop Assts. Dave, Kendra, and Donna and the Synod Staff, Dawne, Tim, and Jane. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered – New Messages by email / text.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p. 206)

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you,"

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

Please Remember to fill out your STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE Card for 2021 and continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through

1) Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR

2) through a new mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online

3) send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141

4) Go to our Website and hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>

The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.

OFFERTORY - *Prayer of the Saints*

Verse 1

Are the prayers of the saints
Like sweet smelling incense
Are the prayers of the saints
Like sweet smelling incense to Your heart
To Your heart

Chorus 1

Let these prayers of the saints
Be sweet smelling incense
Let these prayers of the saints
Be sweet smelling incense to Your heart

Verse 2

Are the songs of the saints
Like sweet smelling incense
Are the songs of the saints
Like sweet smelling incense to Your Heart
To Your Heart

Chorus 2

Let the songs of the saints
Be sweet smelling incense
Let these songs of the saints
Be sweet smelling incense to Your Heart

CCLI Song #2245

OFFERING PRAYER *After the table is set, the assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling,
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory with all the saints.

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,
dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.
We worship you, now and forever.
We worship you, now and forever.

[Home Communion / Fellowship Cups – HOLD UP YOUR ELEMENTS...]

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**
Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.
Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 208)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. *The bread may be broken for HOME Communion.*

COMMUNION (ELW p. 208) *When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

The ministers commune after others commune.

**+ - Blessing of those who are not receiving Communion today
yet are part of the COMMUNITY of the Body of CHRIST!**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION - Instrumental music for brief time

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *The assisting minister leads.*

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

-REMEMBER YOUR YAMS... FOR THE INTERFAITH GIVING – THANKSGIVING BASKETS TO THE PARKWAY SCHOOL DIST.

-PASTOR WILL BE IN THE OFFICE WED. SO CALL HER ON CELL # IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY.

BLESSING (ELW p. 209)

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG - How Can I Keep from Singing

Verse 1

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with you
Knowing you'll see me through
And sing the songs you give

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love

How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart (want to sing)

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord
When I call in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and saints
Around the throne

Ending

I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart sing
I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing
Yeah I can sing

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*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Lupie Verby
in celebration of John's birthday.*

