

WELCOMING WORD *All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. 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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
C: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- L: The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
C: but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- L: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
C: and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

OPENING HYMN #174 For All the Saints (vs. 1-3, 8)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might.
You, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight.
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your 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!

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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.
- Pause for silence and reflection.*
- P: Faithful God,
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.

INVOCATION

- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17 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."

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3 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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 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."

MESSAGE – Pastor John Twiton

HYMN #690 *Shall We Gather at the River* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

REFRAIN

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever all the happy golden day. **REFRAIN**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **REFRAIN**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS (we take this time to give thanks for those who have joined the family of faith through baptism, as well as those who have passed from this life to join the church triumphant since All Saints Day last year)

Thanksgiving for Saints Who Died in the Past Year

Diane Blumer	Martha Hartman	John Kahl
Lyle Opsal	Ruth Osterholz	Linda Topper
Pearl Vierima	Dorothy Jelle	

Thanksgiving for Saints Baptized in the Past Year

Hans Larson	Colin Schulenberg
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ALL SAINTS SLIDESHOW

OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Your healing hand reached out to touch those who were suffering. Touch the lives of those we name before you who are in need this day. (*especially . . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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. 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.

BENEDICTION *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again*

CLOSING HYMN: O Day Full of Grace

O day full of grace, which we behold,
Now gently to view ascending;
Thou over the earth Thy reign unfold,
Good cheer to all mortals lending;
That children of light in every clime
May prove that the night is ending.

With joy we depart for our fatherland,
Where God, our Father, is dwelling,
Where, ready for us, His mansions stand,
Where heaven with praise is swelling;
And there we shall walk in endless light,
With blest ones His praise forth telling.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Jelle who passed away on October 29

Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson)
Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons)
Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher)
Jeannie U'Ren
Mary Krantz
Ruth Ann Nemet
Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower)
Laurie Duden (Brenda Martin's aunt)
Bill Steinhauer
Peter Toniazzo
Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg)
Trevor, Lizzie & Cammie Sayre (son of Tamie Reichert)

Delores Bryant
Makenzee Smith
Brock Howe

Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother)
Irene Bruflat
Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl)
Harlan Oimoen
Grace Aavang
Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE till NOV 15th - Last chance to pick up a Bucky Book and help our youth for their future summer opportunities. Each book sells for \$35.00. Three ways to obtain your book!

- 1.) Drive in Service - November 8th, 10 AM
- 2.) For faster delivery, email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org and a copy will be delivered to your door.
- 3.) Order online at <https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb> The books would be shipped directly to your home.

The Bucky Book makes a great gift! Please consider buying some for family and friends to support our cause even more, or share the link with friends. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM- Join us on ZOOM, 9:00 - 9:30 am, each Sunday morning. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are invited to participate. It is great seeing their faces each week. Lessons are also emailed, if you are unable to attend our ZOOM time.

CONFIRMATION on ZOOM - Our 7th & 8th graders meet together each Wednesday, (7 - 8 pm) on ZOOM. Currently, they are discovering more about the Lord's Prayer.

FUSE NIGHTS on ZOOM - Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on ZOOM, Mondays, November 2 & 23, at 7 pm. FUSE nights build relationships, challenge each other in exciting games, time to hang out, and learn about what it means to share our faith with everyone. Invite your friends to join us.



DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes

Tuesday, Lamentations 2:13-17, Judgement against Jerusalem

Wednesday, Proverbs 16:21-33, The Blessing of Wisdom

Thursday, Psalm 70, Prayer for Deliverance

Friday, Amos 3:1-12, Israel's Guilt and Punishment

Saturday, Matthew 24:1-14, The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: *"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."* Matthew 5:3-5
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.

- How does our society commonly speak of 'blessing'?
- Does Jesus' list of the blessed look like the rest of the worlds?
- Would you consider yourself 'blessed'?
- Who in your life has been a blessing to your life of faith?

PRAY: 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

BLESS: The witness of all God's Saints bless you this day. Amen!