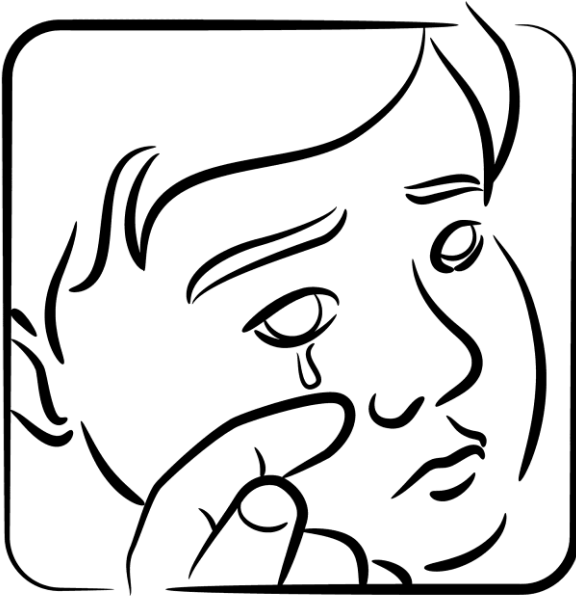


All Saints

Thursday, Nov. 2 & Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

All Saints (observed)

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HYMN "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" Tune: *LSB 686*

**1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.**

**2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.**

**3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!**

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

C: Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

P: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: We are made saints by the blood of Jesus. We acknowledge, however, that we remain sinners in thought, word, and deed. Let us then confess our sins with the saints around us and before our forgiving God.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sins and our need for the Savior.)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Holy God, You have called us to obey You in all things and to live according to Your commands. We have failed to be obedient, even though You have set us apart to be holy. We have been sinful in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our faults and seek Your cleansing forgiveness.

P: Saints of God, know that even as you confess your sins, you are forgiven by our God, the Holy One who has called you to be holy. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

P: 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.

C: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.

P: For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.

C: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C: 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.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for the salvation of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the communion of saints on earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all the holy ones who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

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 the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that we may come to the unspeakable joys of heaven, where every tear shall be wiped away; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1–3

¹ See 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. ² Beloved, 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. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C: let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th 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.

HYMN "For All the Saints"..... LSB 677 vs. 1,2,3,4,7

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of

ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the gift of God's peace to rest upon all His saints, that we may know the blessing of His forgiveness in the cross and resurrection of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, which is the communion of saints, that the saving Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed both here and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, send forth Your saving Word.

P: For our native land, our local community, and for all who lead and govern us, that the saints of God may lead peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, grant Your favor to our land.

P: For all those who are in need, for those who hunger both physically and spiritually, and for all those who feel lost and are without a home, that they may come to the Father's house of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, guide us unto You.

P: For those who are sick, hospitalized, and homebound, for those who are recovering from surgery and for those who await procedures

in the coming days, that they may be consoled by the faithful care of the Great Physician, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, give healing and strength to all who are in need.

P: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before our faithful Father, we may take refuge in His never-failing care for all His saints, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Holy Lord, we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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. By the suffering and death of Your Son, You have entered the valley of our lives. By His resurrection from the dead, You promise to wipe away every tear and give eternal joy to all who are washed in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS "Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship" LSB 949

1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;
 "He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."
 Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!
 We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LSB 673

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. As we walk through the "valley of tears," lift up our eyes to our Redeemer, that we may anticipate with great joy the day

of His coming, when He shall wipe away all our tears and swallow up death in His eternal victory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

P: From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,

C: Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

P: Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”..... *LSB 670*

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (November 5-12, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; New Member Celebration

Tuesday: Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending October 29, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$5327.05; Blessings: \$13.01; Genesis Fund: \$100.00; Road Sign: \$60.00

Attendance: Thursday: 21; Sunday: 112

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

Military BibleStick Ministry presentation is coming next Sunday, November 12. A free-will offering will be taken to put the Scriptures into the hands of our military and their families.

Thank you for all the well wishes, etc. during pastor appreciation month. You are appreciated as well. Pastors Wetmore & Kelm

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“God calls us all to support widows and orphans, but that certainly does not mean every person is equipped to adopt a child. You can support a child in need without becoming his or her parent. Consider sponsoring a child overseas, going on a short-term mission trip to an orphanage, or financially supporting couples who adopt children through adoption grant-giving organizations. There are many ways to become involved.” *Kim Laube, B.A., Lutheran Family Service, Urbandale, Iowa – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*