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As We Gather ~ Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out "salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

<u>Announcements</u>

(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God's people stand and fix our eyes upon it)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b

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.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

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.

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P 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.

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 7:1-17

1After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. 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:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12.000 from the tribe of Issachar.

8 12,000 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, "My Lord, 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.

Gradual

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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle 1 John 3:1–3

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2And 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. 12Rejoice 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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! Welcome! The prophet Isaiah reminds us that "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (40:31). Let us claim that wonderful promise as we present ourselves humbly before God. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: Exodus 32:1-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 24:15-28.

Stewardship: "With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ..." When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House we pray and praise God with "all the company of heaven." Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Sunday School Lesson: "God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail" is the Sunday School lesson for today. Just as God provided manna, water, and quail for the hungry and complaining Israelites to preserve them, in Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our eternal thirst. Consider discussing, "How does sin cause us to be lost and hungry and thirsty for what we cannot have?" Talk about Jesus, the bread of life and the living water, and how He satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst.

Fall Yard Work: The Board of Education is starting a youth group for all middle school and high school students. The youth group will gather on November 11 for a devotion, a service project, and pizza party. We are looking for people who need help with outside yard work that day. Please contact Megan Schutt, Sherry Baker, or Markie Koepp if you are interested in having us come help you with a project that day or if you know of someone in need of help. Thanks! ~The Board of Education

Building Healthy Families for Nov. 4th: God allows many opportunities for us to meet people who don't know Him as their Savior. At work, in recreation, at community events, and in friendships they are there if we take the time to see and notice them. Who will come across your path who needs a word of hope, an act of kindness or an expression of love motivated by God's love for you? Keep an eye out for ways to live out 1 John 4:19 this week! ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

Life Quote for Nov. 4th: "How can we remain silent when life itself is in question? Standing firm and trusting in Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of life, and being willing to use our voices to speak up and share the truth about the value of human life are so very important as the world crumbles around us." Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour for Nov. 11th: Hear "What is Heaven?" based on John 17:1-5 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A message by Michael Zeigler for The Lutheran Hour based on John 17:1-5 ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

Missions recipient for November is MICA. An offering basket is in the fellowship hall.

SANCTIFYING YOUR VOCATIONS WITH THE WORD OF GOD...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: "The Flesh" in the Bible, The Book of Hosea, The Ten Commandments, Jesus Raises a Girl, Liturgical Worship and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of Nov. 4th through Nov. 10th is Louden/Schutt. Household(s) responsible for the week of Nov. 11th through Nov. 17th is Madren/Marcinik. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) ASAP & no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

MICA is in need of plastic grocery sacks. MICA is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm and is located at 611 4th Ave in Grinnell.

Snowbirds: Please provide the church office with your contact information if you are heading for warmer weather in the next coming months. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Potluck Sign-up sheet is on entryway table. Wednesday, November 14th will be our potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the service following at 6:30 p.m.

FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV 11th

5th & 6th Grade 8th Commandment & Meaning

7th & 8th Grade
7th Commandment

Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 5th 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 12th 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 19th 6:30 p.m.

A meal will be served before each service at 5:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is on the entryway
table for any individuals or group who
would like to volunteer to coordinate the
meals (meal preparations, donations,
serving and clean-up)

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Greeter Ushers Servers	Esther Huedepohl Keith Thorpe Murken Troy Johnson & Steve Haase Sue Ford & Marrina Kaloupek Jenna Mintle & Oliver Louden			
NEXT SUNDAY				
Elder Greeter Ushers Servers	Esther Huedepohl Verne Cadwell Roberts Terry Stanek & Arnie Heimsoth Marrina Kaloupek & Sue Ford Sophia Louden & Alex Eichenberger			
Our Gifts Attendance Holy Communion	to God (given at Immanuel) October 28, 2018 55 40			

Week Ahead

TODAY

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All Saints' Day	9:00 a.m.			
Christian Education				
Confirmation 7th/8th	1:00-2:30 p.m.			
Pre-Confirmation 5th/6th				
TUESDAY				
Greek Study	8:30 a.m.			
Board of Education Meeting	4:00 p.m.			
THURSDAY Bible Study	11:00 a.m.			
NEXT SUNDAY				
Council Meeting	8:00 a.m.			
Third Last Sunday of the Church Year	9:00 a.m.			
Christian Education	10:15 a.m.			
Fall Yard Clean-Up				

Today...Marvin Stone Tuesday...Tim Baker & Roger Routier Saturday...Zachary Sittig

May God bless you today and each day that follows. May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be comforted by His care, and live in His grace now and forever.





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Prayer Chain/Prayer Requests.... Who do I contact?

Prayer Chain Email/Bulletin -->> Church Secretary
Please email Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net for
requests to be sent out on the church prayer email chain and/or
included in the bulletin.

Special Prayer request during Church Service -->> Rev. Koepp If you would like a special prayer during the prayers of the church on Sunday, please contact Rev. Koepp: Email: koeppj@hotmail.com Cell: 507-829-3901 Home: 641-260-8394 Office: 641-236-6691 Office Hours: Monday--Thursday 8am--3pm

Deadline for any bulletin announcements (prayer requests, meetings, calendar items, ect.) are <u>Thursdays by 5:00 p.m.</u>

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The Divine Service Introduction Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship Pastor David Miller

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Proper Preface

The Preface does not only consist of the three responsive versicles that were covered last time, but builds up to the Proper Preface. It gets its name because it is determined by the propers of that day, which are "proper" for the time that day falls on in the Church Year. For example, it would not be "proper" to use the Proper Preface appointed for Christmas at Easter. The function of the Proper Preface is multifold. First, it is a rationale of the third versicle of the Preface: "It is right to give Him thanks and praise." It explains why it is right to give Him thanks and praise. It recalls what Christ has done for which we give thanks: "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."

Second, it relates the moment in Christ's life that we are celebrating at any given time in the Church Year to His presence with us in His Holy Supper. One great example is the Proper Preface appointed for Christmas: "for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen." This speaks of the incarnation of Christ at His nativity, which was a visible presence among us. It is then our prayer to "know and love those things which are not seen" which includes His invisible incarnation of His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.

Third, it reminds us that because Christ is physically present with us in the Sacrament on the altar, we are before our very Lord "with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven." Heaven meets earth at the altar as we join in with all the saints in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. We will therefore join in the song of heaven in the Sanctus to come next.