November 1st 2020 All Saints Sunday A

First Reading: 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."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Second Reading: 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 Reading: 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 re-

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Order of Worship: Service of the Word and Sacrament

ELW: Red Hymnal WOV: Blue Hymnal

* Asterisk means all are invited to stand. + indicates you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

Leaders speak or sing regular text. Congregation speaks Bold text.

Please silence your phone, pager, or other electronic devices during worship.

GATHERING

Prelude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"—setting, James D. Kimball

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ceive 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."

Please recycle your bulletin in the blue bin outside the sanctuary or take it with you.

Holy Communion

Christ has prepared the feast. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Holy Communion will be received with wafers and individual cups of wine (white) or juice (red). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you do not wish to receive Communion you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing instead; please bow your head to indicate this to the pastor, or you may remain in your pew seat.

Organ Voluntary: "Oh, What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be"—setting, Edward W. Beals

SENDING

*Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

AMEN.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Toccata on 'When the Saints Go Marching In'"—setting, Andrew Moore

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Minister: Pastor Nikki Smith Organist Deborah Rafferty

Reader: Barb Wright

Greeter: Kerry and Donna Thurn

Children's Message: Pastor

Altar Guild: Pastor

Offering Tellers: Lisa Owsiany/Sharon Brenn

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*Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (*said responsively*)

¹I will bless the Lord | at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²I 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.

⁴I 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.

⁶I 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 de- | livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the | Lord is good; happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

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

¹⁰The 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

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

*Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

All Children remain with parents but listen closely as this is for you!

Sermon

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

*or, "descended into hell" (another translation in widespread use).

*Prayers of Intercession (...Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.)

All Saints' Sunday is a day in the church dedicated to remembering the hope of the resurrection we have in Jesus Christ, and remembering the lives of the baptized faithful (saints) who have gone before us and are now at rest in Christ. The color for the day is white to remind us of baptism and how even though our loved ones die, through a holy mystery, we are still joined with them through Jesus and our shared baptism

Today we especially remember:

Mark Schweighofer, Diane Zellers, Lynette Milburn, Ray & Emma Schweighofer, Lawrence & Virginia Zellers, remembered by Ron Zellers

Victoria Boyer, remembered by Chet and Lorraine Hills

Gertrude Hills, Chester Hills Sr, Petronella Boyer, remembered by Chet & Lorraine Hills *Joe Herdus and Kathy Fulcher,* remembered by Jim and Kay Landfair

Robert Miller, remembered by Pastor Nikki

Sivachomana Masika, remembered by Rosemary Masika

George Lewis, Kaye Cousin, and Don Banner, remembered by Alvera Lewis

Edward Koenig Jr., Rita Koenig, Edward Koenig III, Robert Koenes Sr., remembered by Bob Koenes and Lisa Owsiany

Bob & Ella Bremer, Myron & Emily Oliver, Sharilyn Surine, June Lewis, Robert Ashby, remembered by Sue and Tom Oliver, Katie and Josh Lewis

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. Please stay in your seats and greet each other using safe social distancing.

Announcements

OFFERING

Please place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary before or after service.

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray, God of all goodness, 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.

*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.