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## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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**Welcome to Worship!** In our reading from Revelation 7 this morning, the apostle John describes his vision of the great multitude who have come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb. Is this great multitude a massive, faceless, anonymous conglomeration without any distinction? No, when God raises the dead and brings all those who believe in Him into eternal life in the new creation, you and I will still be the unique, distinct individuals whom God Himself has created, redeemed, preserved, and promises to resurrect, only finally without sin. And in that new creation, we will enjoy our eternal inheritance, gathered around those we loved in our earthly lives who have died in the faith and our gracious God. What a wonderful eternity it will be!

A **Nursery** is available below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium. The Nursery is not staffed at this time.

**All Sunday School classes for toddlers – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are not meeting at this time.** **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and Downstairs Social Room. The **Adult Information Class** meets upstairs in 203. Everyone is welcome!

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion will be** offered at the 11:15 service. If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. An usher will dismiss your row to move forward to the person serving the bread, and then to the person serving the individual cup. You may then dispose of the cup and return by the center aisle.

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### THE PRELUDE

#### THE OPENING HYMN: "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Hymn 670

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow'rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 2 O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the\_ eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

### THE INVOCATION:

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

C **Amen.**

### THE EXHORTATION:

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

#### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** (We pray together) **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. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together) **"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17**

**THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17** (Page 1032)

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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 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. "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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING: 1 John 3:1-3** (page 1022)

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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**THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:** Page 190 C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (Page 809) C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **(sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

**THE HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

**Hymn 461**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

**THE SERMON: "A Great Multitude"**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED, Page 191**

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

**+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION:**

### **Preface**

**P The Lord be with you. C And with thy spirit.**

**P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. C It is meet and right so to do.**

### **Sanctus**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **THE PAX DOMINI**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.**

**Amen.**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION: Hymns: 618, 563, 672, 673**

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain.

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain.

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain.

4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain.

5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.

### 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

### 672 Jerusalem the Golden

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest –  
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest –  
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;  
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- 3 Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.
- 4 O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

### 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.

- 4        There trees forevermore bear fruit    And evermore do spring;  
          There evermore the angels dwell    And evermore do sing.
- 5        Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there    Around my Savior stand;  
          And soon my friends in Christ below    Will join the glorious band.
- 6        O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare    For that bright home of love  
          That I may see Thee and adore    With all Thy saints above.

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### THE THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,    **C:** and His mercy endureth forever.

#### THE SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.    **C:** And with thy spirit.

#### THE BENEDICAMUS

**P** Bless we the Lord.        **C:** Thanks be to God.

#### THE 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.

#### THE CLOSING HYMN: "We Sing for all the Unsung Saints"

Hymn 678

- 1        We sing for all the unsung saints,    That countless, nameless throng,  
          Who kept the faith and passed it on    With hope steadfast and strong  
          Through all the daily griefs and joys    No chronicles record,  
          Forgetful of their lack of fame,    But mindful of their Lord.
- 2        Though uninscribed with date or place,    With title, rank, or name,  
          As living stones their stories join    To form a hallowed frame  
          Around the myst'ry in their midst:    The Lamb once sacrificed,  
          The Love that wrested life from death,    The wounded, risen Christ.
- 3        So we take heart from unknown saints    Bereft of earthly fame,  
          Those faithful ones who have received    A more enduring name:  
          For they reveal true blessing comes    When we our pride efface  
          And offer back our lives to be    The vessels of God's grace.

#### THE POSTLUDE: "For All the Saints"

**Preacher:** Vicar Fredstrom **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Rodriguez

**Lector:** Pastor Blumenberg **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

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