

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

## Welcome/Announcements

**Your Future Is Bright and Glorious**

### **As We Gather**

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses” (12:1) and tells of “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven” and “the spirits of the righteous made perfect” (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that “the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake” (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God’s grace we, too, will be “numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting” (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

## PREPARATION

### **Opening Hymn**

#### **LSB 677 For All the Saints**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy 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!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 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!

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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

*Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12*

**P** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

**C** For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.

**P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**C** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**C** Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

**C** Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.

**P** Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. 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. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**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 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.**

## First Reading

*Revelation 7:2–17*

<sup>2</sup>Then 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, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,  
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,  
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,  
<sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,  
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,  
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,  
<sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,  
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,  
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,  
<sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,  
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,  
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>“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.  
<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
<sup>17</sup>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.**

### Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

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

### 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.**

### Epistle

*1 John 3:1–3*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:1–12*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>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 of the Day

### LSB 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints

- 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 unscribed 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.

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Sermon

Guest Pastor, Rev. Terry Cripe

Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Commemoration of the Saints**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever.

*Those who have died within the past year may be remembered by name.  
As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.*

### **Faithful Departed**

#### ***Lois Tester***

Born: February 15, 1929

Died: March 29, 2024

#### ***Lawrence Rabe***

Born: January 28, 1939

Died: May 23, 2024

#### ***Nancy Zesing***

Born: June 22, 1935

Died: June 13, 2024

#### ***Dave Murry***

Born: May 12, 1962

Died: July 6, 2024



***Rev. Robert O. Bartz***  
Born: November 24, 1952  
Died: July 11, 2024

***Carolyn Uhlik***  
Born: July 13, 1937  
Died: October 19, 2024

### Prayer

- P** In joyful anticipation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises that where You are, there Your servants shall be also. Bless the memories of the saints among us and keep us firm in the certain hope of the great reunion to come in Your gracious eternal kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray,
- 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. Gratefully we pray for the church at large and for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, remembering the saints in other places around the world who share in our faith and hope and love and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Confidently we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers. Grant that their petitions, Good Shepherd, be answered according to Your gracious will and that they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Help us to cherish the company of all of God's people and seek to bring care in Christ to all with cheerful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Humbly we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for the security of our communities. Grant that we always cherish the freedoms we enjoy and be strengthened by Your power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*The peace of the Lord may be exchanged.*

**Offering:** If you were prepared to bring an offering today, you may leave it as you exit the sanctuary. Member/Visitor and Prayer Request cards may be left with your offering as well. Thank you

## SACRAMENT

### 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new

testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord’s Prayer

**C** **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.**

### Pax Domini

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

**C** **Amen.**

# Distribution Hymns

## **LSB 628 Your Table I Approach**

- 1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.
  
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.
  
- 3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.
  
- 4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.
  
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
  
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## **LSB 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Offering pardon, grace, and peace.

He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessèd feast.”

- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
    In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
    Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
    Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
    Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
    In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
    That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
    Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
    Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
    Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
    Makes my wounded spirit whole.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we may be the peacemakers, the meek and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we ask 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 Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Eternal Father, You have shown to us, in the words of Jesus Christ, Your Son, the way of those who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out our days as Your people who walk in ways of meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in our lifetimes. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## Closing Hymn

### LSB 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
  
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be

Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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