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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

ALL SAINTS' CELEBRATION

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5:30 PM

+ In The Name Of Jesus Christ +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please fill out Friendship Pads.)*

OPENING HYMN **"For All the Saints"** *LSB 677, vv. 1-4*

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALM 149 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

P¹ Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

C² **Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

P³ Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

C⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.**

P⁵ Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:2-17

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:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

C⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**

P⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

C⁸ **to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

P⁹ to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

**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.**

Please be seated

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 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!"

(continued...)

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, "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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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.**

SECOND READING 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

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

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.

(continued...)

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 O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

COMMON RESPONSORY

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

MAGNIFICAT

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

P For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

P He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C 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.

HYMN “For All the Saints” *LSB 677, vv. 5-8*

SERMON “THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF A SAINT”
The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

☒ Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” On this All Saints’ Sunday, 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 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.

We honor the lives and give thanks to God for these His saints:

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| ✠ | Joan Johnson | ✠ | Cora Langeslag |
| ✠ | Dawn Bauernfeind | ✠ | Hubert Cloeter |
| ✠ | Janice Drache | ✠ | Donald Dugan |
| ✠ | Betty Gudknecht | ✠ | Dennis R. Krenz |
| ✠ | Wuanita Bultman | ✠ | Nancy Schultz |
| ✠ | Donna Campbell | ✠ | Sharon Geyer |
| ✠ | Stephen Kratt* | ✠ | William Schultz |
| ✠ | Laurel Engquist | | |
| ✠ | Joan Marik | | |
| ✠ | Betty Wieben | | |

**Non members*

☒ . . . and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord.


☒ 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.

☒ **Amen.**

CANTICLE HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail” *LSB 845, vv. 1,5*

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

KYRIE 

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** “Lord, in your mercy,”
to which the congregation responds, **C** “Hear our prayer”

PRAYER FOR PEACE

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,
 give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts
 may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from
 the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ,
 Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
 now and forever.
C Amen

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN **“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”** *LSB 678*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **To God Be the Glory** * * *

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| | <u>Leading Worship</u> |
| Pastor | The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein |
| Music | Nancy Simonson, Organist |
| Lector | Donna Rae Schultz |
| Elder | |
| Worship Assistant | |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | Dan & Judy Valentyn, Dave Schuenke |

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