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All Saints' Day

*Theme: We feebly struggle;
they in glory shine*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Mighty God, I thank you today for your blessings of protection and providing in this life. While I may struggle here, bless me with confidence in knowing the surpassing glory that waits in heaven. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: We believe in "the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints" (Apostles' Creed). All with saving faith in Jesus as their Savior are holy. (*Saint* comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means holy.) God grants the status of saint to all believers. Since sainthood is achieved through faith in Christ, we refer to believers as the invisible Church. Members are unknown to us since only God can see the heart.

Even if we knew the identity of each saint on earth, they would not look all that different from the rest of mankind. Believers still struggle with trials, temptations, and sin. However, some members of the communion of saints no longer struggle with trial and sin. They are not oppressed by an anti-Christian world. These are all the saints who, through their Christian death, have triumphed over all these things. The blessedness of being God's saint is no longer invisible for them. They live in the glory of Christ's light.

This week, we thank God for those members of the communion of saints who have gone before us and now enjoy everlasting life. We feebly struggle, just as they once did. But now, thanks to Christ, they in glory shine. Their example encourages us as we patiently wait to join them.

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Order of Worship



HYMN: Blessed Are They

CW 886

Refrain

Bless - ed are they which are called, bless - ed are
 they which are called, bless - ed are they which are
 called to the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses

1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes, from ev - 'ry
 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst, death, sor - row,
 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry, un - to the

na - tion and tongue, stood be - fore God and the
 pain van - quished now, God wipes all tears from their
 Lamb that was slain, re - deem - ing us with his

Lamb at the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
 eyes by the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
 blood in the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

- 4 **Servant, saint, martyr at rest, sanctified, ransomed, restored,
 thund'rously sing a new song, of the marriage feast of the Lamb. (to v. 5)**
- 5 **Worthy are you, Lamb of God, to receive glory and praise.
 Alleluia and amen, for the marriage feast of the Lamb! (Refrain)**

Please stand after the hymn.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

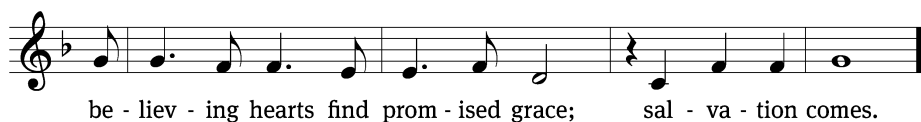
M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885, st. 1 & refrain

1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,
where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.
Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault - less through the Lamb;



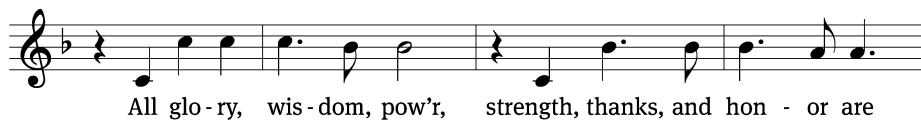
be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.



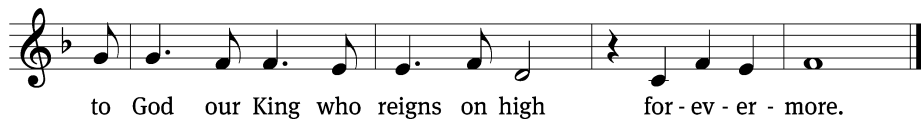
Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an-them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are



to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence ; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

The Apostle John is allowed to see the home of the saints triumphant.

¹Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32-40

For countless saints, their Christian faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced persecution and death with courage because they knew God had something better prepared for them.

³²And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

Luke 6:20-23

Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being god's saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness will be revealed.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;

the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.

I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
 where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,

what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.

to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
 in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,

a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
 where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

Sermon

Based on Revelation 21:1-7

"Jesus reveals Earth 2.0"

THANKSGIVING

Offering



Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

Remembrance of the Saints Triumphant

M: With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

C: **You are rest to the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. As we remember the saints called home in past years we remember those called home since our last celebration of the Saints Triumphant.**

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Brian Edberg June 22, 2022.

C: ***I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*** (John 11:25-26)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Marlene Finley July 20, 2022.

C: ***Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*** (Psalm 23:6)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Daniel Kroening August 4, 2022.

C: ***Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*** (Colossians 3:1)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Nicholas Dispensa August 13, 2022.

C: ***Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be change—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet.*** (1 Corinthians 15:51)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Kathy Samuelson October 4, 2022.

C: ***My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*** (Psalm 73:26)

Silent prayer as we remember other members of the saints triumphant gathered to heaven from other earthly flocks.

M: Heavenly Father, we recall with gratitude what you have done for us and for your Church through these saints. May their good works, which were prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth, encourage us to live for you. As we join our worship and work with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place.

C: **Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.**

M: Through your Word, remind us who have not reached heaven that we remain part of the saints militant. Fill us with your Spirit, that we continue to fight for you, as our Christian forefathers did—battling against our sinful flesh, winning souls for Christ, and combating the deadly influence of Satan in this world.

C: **Uphold your promise by Word and Sacraments to keep us in the faith so that, when our work on earth is done, we may join the saints triumphant.**

Special prayers.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: For All the Saints

CW 880, sts. 1,4,7-8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

A soloist or duet sings our final hymn of heavenly longing.

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!

When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.

And there, in garments richly wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

After worship, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult and teen Bible studies begin at the same time.

For Worship Next Week

Theme: The Last Day—A day of terror for those who troubled God's people

Bible Readings: Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Luke 21:5-19

Hymns: 495, 488, 924

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

