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### **All Saints Sunday**

# Welcome Home— You Have an Everlasting Family

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:** Savior Jesus, hear my prayers and deliver me. Bless me today through your Word. Fill my heart with peace and praise. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Death is ugly and constant, taking those we love away from us. Their bodies placed into the ground. Their absence constantly noticed. Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ's family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, one where the deceased has triumphed over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not "lost." Something is truly lost when you don't know where it is and you will not see it again. But we know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

**Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant**—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus.

### **SERVING GOD, SERVING US:**

Preacher: Pastor JonAlden Pedersen Piano/Organ: Madison Boerner Men's Chorus Director: Steve Angus Preschool Director: Jane Grobe

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# Order of Worship



CW Hymnal, Setting Two

## (10:30am) Preschool Anthem: Love & Praise Medley Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, oh my soul rejoice.

Take joy my king, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!

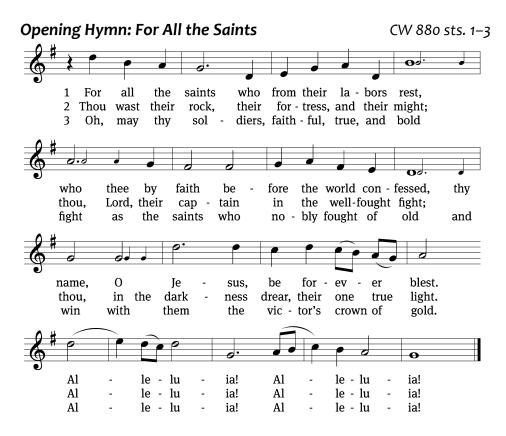
Jeus loves me, he who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;

He has washed away my sin, Let this little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so!

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, oh my soul rejoice.

Take joy my king, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.



Please stand after the hymn.

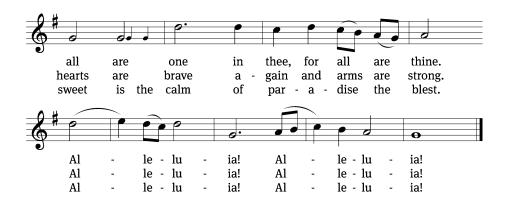
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.** 

- M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
- C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."
- M: For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —
- C: Yes, for ever and ever!

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

- M: Beloved in the Lord, we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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!

### (Saturday) Hymn Response: For All the Saints CW 880 sts. 4-6 blest ion. fel - low - ship di - vine! 4 Oh. com - mun And when fierce, the war - fare the fight is long. The gold - en eve ning bright-ens in the west; We fee - bly strug gle, thev in glo - ry shine; yet steals the the tri - umph - song, on ear dis - tant and soon, soon, to faith ful war - riors com - eth rest;



### (Sunday) Men's Chorus: Be Thou My Vision

Robert Hunter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Though my wisdom and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always, Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won.

May I reach heav'n's joys, Oh bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart whatever befall,

Still be my vision oh, Ruler of all.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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 Isaiah 65:17-25

In the New Jerusalem we will not experience the "former things" like death, crying, and pain. We will enjoy the company of our Christian family for eternity.

<sup>17</sup>"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

20"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years;

the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They will build houses and dwell in them;

they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They will not labor in vain,

nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;

for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,

they and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup>Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

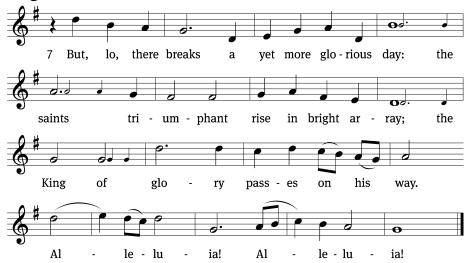
<sup>4</sup>praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup>praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

### Song Verse: For All the Saints

CW 880 st. 7



### **Second Reading**

Revelation 22:1-5

The vastness of our heavenly home is beyond our comprehension. We will live in our new home "for ever and ever."

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

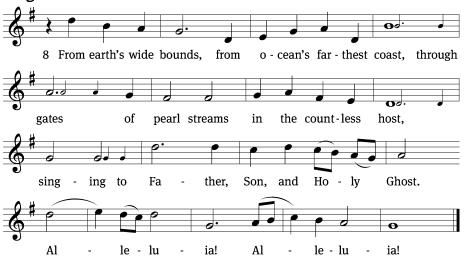
### **Gospel Acclamation**

Revelation 7:15

<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.

### Song Verse: For All the Saints

CW 880 st. 8



Gospel Luke 20:27-38

Jesus turns the Sadducees' test into a proclamation of resurrection promise. The relationship of believers with God doesn't end in death but continues into eternal life.

<sup>27</sup>Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. <sup>28</sup>"Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. <sup>30</sup>The second <sup>31</sup>and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. <sup>32</sup>Finally, the woman died too. <sup>33</sup>Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage.
<sup>35</sup>But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage,
<sup>36</sup>and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' <sup>38</sup>He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

### Children's Devotion



### Sermon

Based on Isaiah 65:17-25

### "Childlike Faith"

Please stand after the sermon.

### **THANKSGIVING**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.

Be seated.

### Offering



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.



Please stand.

### 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 Jim Schmidt. ~ February 10, 2025
- C: I am the 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 Betty Bremer. ~ June 14, 2025
- 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 Rob Sorensen. ~ June 25, 2025
- 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 Dennis McKean. ~ September 3, 2025
- C: Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. (1 Corinthians 15:51)
- M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Dale Johnson. ~ September 12, 2025
- C: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)
- M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Ed Simo. ~ September 11, 2025
- C: Be faithful, even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)
  - 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.

### 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.

Be seated.

### Prayer

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: By All Your Saints Still Striving

CW 892 sts. 1-3



- 1 By all your saints still striv ing, for all your saints at rest,
- 2 A pos-tles, proph-ets, mar tyrs, and all the no ble throng
- 3 Then let us praise the Fa ther and wor ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed. who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease-less song—and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown for these, passed on be - fore us, we of - fer prais - es due till all the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne. and, walk - ing in their foot-steps, would live our lives for you. as - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

### **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

### **WELS Connection**

### **Fellowship & Spiritual Growth**

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the kindergarten classroom. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Lost Are Now Found

Bible Readings: Hosea 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 2:5-11; Luke 15:1-10

Hymns: 778, 576, 660, 606

### Thank you to all who participated in Trunk or Treat this year!

We saw a tremendous turnout of community families, and because of your efforts, we were able to distribute nearly 800 flyers for Christmas for Kids. Whether you donated, volunteered, attended, spoke with visitors, or hosted a trunk, your contribution made a real impact. A very special thanks goes to coordinator Sarah Paulsen and the Outreach Committee for all their hard work and dedication.











While you shop, wrap presents, or just take a long nap, we'll share the true joy of Christmas with your children through songs, crafts, and activities.

### **DEC 13, 2025**

9:00 - 12:00 PM 14940 62nd St, Stillwater, MN

Register Soon!

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- Kids ages 3yr to 6th grade
  - Cookie decorating social to follow for the whole family
- Share the joy of Jesus with your children



# THANK YOU VETERANS

Tuesday November 11 2:30-3:15pm in the Gymnasium



# 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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ◆ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- → You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- → 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 as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ◆ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

### FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ◆ Children's bulletins & activity bags 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 a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ◆ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

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.

