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All Saints' Day

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

- ♪ Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
- ♪ We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray...
- ♪ You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You...
- ♪ Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still....

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## Invocation

Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,

**And give thanks to His holy name.**

For His anger is but for a moment,

**And His favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may tarry for the night,

**But joy comes with the morning.**

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

**Amen.**

*Psalms 30:4–5*

*Matthew 28:19b*

## Confession and Absolution

As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,

**You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction. You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.**

*A Time of Silence*

To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, “blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living 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.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Music: "Away in a Manger", Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 364*

- ♪ The trees of the forest will joyfully sing; Creation rejoicing with praises shall ring.  
The Lord God is coming to judge in His might, And bring in His kingdom eternal and bright.
- ♪ The oceans and rivers will echo the sounds As music celestial on earth now abounds.  
The Lord comes to rule all the nations in peace; His mercy and faithfulness never shall cease!
- ♪ Bring glory to God! Let all people rejoice! Sing forth His great kindness and lift ev'ry voice!  
Extol His salvation in countless new ways With worship unending and limitless praise!

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## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.

**Amen.**

## First Reading *Please Be Seated*

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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

♪ Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.

♪ God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms he bears them.

♪ Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

♪ Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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## The Holy Gospel Please Stand

Matthew 5:1–12

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, he 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<sup>[a]</sup> 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

Who Knows? TEXT: Revelation 7:9-17

## **The Hymn**

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

- ♪ O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!  
O source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- ♪ When once You visit darkened hearts. Then truth begins to shine.  
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- ♪ O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- ♪ May ev’ry heart confess Your name. Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame to seek You more and more!
- ♪ Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

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## **Proclamation of the Word**

“Kingdom Blessing, Kingdom Grace”

Matthew 5:1–12

## **Offering and Musical Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand*

Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world.

O Father, through this meal, You once again mark us with the mercy that makes us Your saints. Fed and fueled by the gifts of Christ, prepare us for every good work, that we might know that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord. who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

*Special Intercessions*

Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. We give You thanks for the examples of saints who have gone before us who now rest from their labors:

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| <i>December 12, 2025</i> | <i>Bradley Kent</i>       |
| <i>January 30, 2026</i>  | <i>Ursula Kutra</i>       |
| <i>April 15, 2026</i>    | <i>Lorena Mueller</i>     |
| <i>April 27, 2026</i>    | <i>Charles Abel</i>       |
| <i>July 1, 2026</i>      | <i>Milton Beckendorff</i> |
| <i>October 9, 2026</i>   | <i>Larry Shulke</i>       |

Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

**Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

**Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Colossians 3:1*

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

**Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

## Words of Our Lord

### The Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Distribution Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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.
- ♪ 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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### Benediction

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.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

- ♪ Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.
- ~We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.
- ♪ Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav’nly King, But children of the heav’nly King  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad. ~We’re marching...
- ♪ The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav’nly fields, Before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets. ~We’re marching...
- ♪ Then let our songs abound, And ev’ry tear be dry;  
We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high. ~We’re marching....

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### Postlude