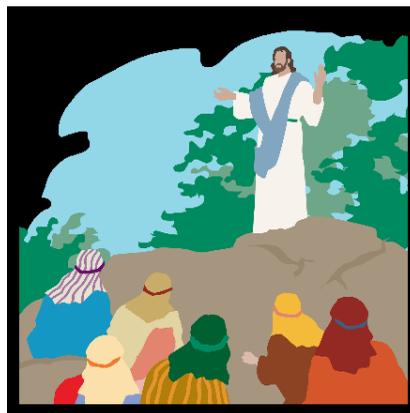


# Sunday Worship Bulletin

## All Saints Sunday

10:00 AM

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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us. If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***  
*John 13:34-35*



## The Order of Holy Communion– Setting One

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

### AS WE GATHER

This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. **672**: *"Jerusalem the Golden"*

### ***Confession and Absolution***

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### ***Service of the Word***

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✠ INTROIT (Sung by the Choir)

I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;\*

I will recount all of your won- | derful deeds.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;\*

in the heavens you will establish your | faithfulness."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;\*

I have sworn to David my | servant:

'I will establish your offspring for- | ever,\*

and build your throne for all gener- | ations."

**(SUNG by ALL)**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Kyrie (Page 152)  
This is the Feast

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

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.

*(Be Seated)*

✠ FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 9–17 (*Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!*)

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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 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.

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

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GRADUAL: (*Sung by All*)

**These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\***  
**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.**

✠ EPISTLE: Philippians 1:21-26

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you





all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***(Please Stand and Sing the Alleluia p. 156)***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12 (*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*)

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

**C (Sung): Glory be to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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 (Sung): Praise be to You, O Christ.**

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

**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.**

**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.**

**(Be Seated)**

† HYMN of the DAY NO. **676**: *"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"*

† SERMON: *"Nothing More Beyond?"* Philippians 1:21-26

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

**(Please Stand and Sing Offertory Page 159)**

† COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: On this Day of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our congregation who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus Christ, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of His people through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in His mercy God has now summoned them to His presence so that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. We especially remember on this day those who have gone to the Church Triumphant during the last twelve months:

(November 2017 - November 2018):

*Richard Schneider   Everett Talmadge   Mildred DuBois  
Jeanette Griffin   Simone Wagner   William Caba*

P: Let us pray. With thanksgiving we remember these Your servants, O Lord. We thank You that even as they rest in the earth, they enjoy the heavenly crown given to them in Holy Baptism. Teach us to follow the example of the saints who have gone before us so that like them we may persevere in the race set before us and cling to faith in Jesus Christ. Comfort those of us who mourn over loved ones who have died and encourage all of us through Your Word, that we may trust Your promises and abide in the joy of Your eternal salvation.

**C: "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My Word and believes Him Who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself." - John 5:24-26**

† 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. Lord, in this world we are often overwhelmed by the difficulties of life, yet You have promised that in Your heavenly kingdom there will be no more hunger or thirst, no more scorching heat, and no more tears. Strengthen us to keep turning to You in the midst of struggle, for You say, "Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

P: Lord, this world is filled with power-hungry, prideful people who seek to rule the earth without any thought of You or care for Your creation. Keep us faithful to Your kingdom so that we do not run after the false gods of power and prestige, for You say, "Blessed are the meek,

**C: for they shall inherit the earth."**

P: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Also, Lord, encourage those who struggle to belong in our society, including addicts, immigrants, refugees, those with mental and physical disabilities, and the poor, for You say, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**C: for they shall be satisfied."**

P: Lord, we live in a world of cruelty and indifference, but You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light so that we might love our families and friends, our neighbors and enemies. Cheer the hearts of all those who show mercy to others, for You say, "Blessed are the merciful,

**C: for they shall receive mercy."**

P: Lord, protect those who cannot protect themselves, including children, the elderly, and those with disabilities, for You say, "Blessed are the pure in heart,

**C: for they shall see God."**

P: Lord, break and hinder the plans of Satan, for he always seeks division, war, and conflict in this world. Raise up those who will work for reconciliation and harmony, for You say, "Blessed are the peacemakers,

**C: for they shall be called sons of God."**

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

**C: Amen.**

### ***Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)***

*At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **594**: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with  
NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 164***

† RECESSIONAL HYMN No. **677**: "For All the Saints" (Sts. 1-3, 7-8)

† SILENT PRAYER