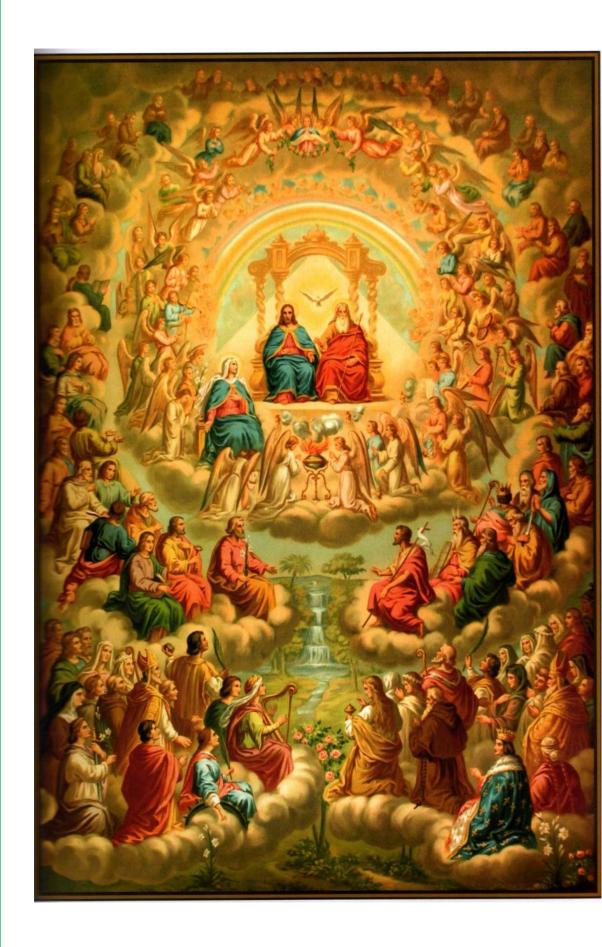


NOVEMBER 3, 2024 o SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



HIS IS THE MEANING OF THIS PHRASE ["THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"]: I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ON EARTH A HOLY FLOCK AND COMMUNITY OF PURE SAINTS UNDER ONE HEAD, CHRIST. IT IS CALLED TOGETHER BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ONE FAITH, MIND, AND UNDERSTANDING. IT POSSESSES A VARIETY OF GIFTS, AND YET IS UNITED IN LOVE WITHOUT SECT OR SCHISM. OF THIS COMMUNITY I ALSO AM A PART AND MEMBER, A PARTICIPANT AND CO-PARTNER IN ALL THE BLESSINGS IT POSSESSES. I WAS BROUGHT INTO IT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND INCORPORATED INTO IT THROUGH THE FACT THAT I HAVE HEARD AND STILL HEAR GOD'S WORD, WHICH IS THE BEGINNING POINT FOR ENTERING IT. BEFORE WE HAD COME INTO THIS COMMUNITY, WE WERE ENTIRELY OF THE DEVIL, KNOWING NOTHING OF GOD AND OF CHRIST. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL REMAIN WITH THE HOLY COMMUNITY OR CHRISTIAN PEOPLE UNTIL THE LAST DAY. THROUGH IT HE GATHERS US, USING IT TO TEACH AND PREACH THE

FURTHER WE BELIEVE THAT IN THIS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WE HAVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, WHICH TAKES PLACE THROUGH THE HOLY SACRAMENTS AND ABSOLUTION AS WELL AS THROUGH THE COMFORTING WORDS OF THE ENTIRE GOSPEL. THIS ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING THAT IS TO BE PREACHING ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS AND, IN SHORT, THE ENTIRE GOSPEL AND ALL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. FORGIVENESS IS CONSTANTLY NEEDED, FOR ALTHOUGH GOD'S GRACE HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY CHRIST, AND HOLINESS HAS BEEN WROUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH GOD'S WORD IN THE UNITY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, YET WE ARE NEVER WITHOUT SIN BECAUSE WE CARRY OUR FLESH AROUND OUR NECK.

WORD. BY IT HE CREATES AND INCREASES HOLINESS, CAUSING IT DAILY TO GROW AND BECOME STRONG IN THE FAITH AND IN ITS FRUITS, WHICH THE SPIRIT PRODUCES.

THEREFORE EVERYTHING IN THIS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS SO ORDERED THAT EVERYONE MAY DAILY OBTAIN FULL FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH THE WORD AND [SACRAMENTS] APPOINTED TO COMFORT AND ENCOURAGE OUR CONSCIENCES AS LONG AS WE LIVE ON EARTH. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SIN, THE HOLY SPIRIT SEES TO IT THAT IT DOES NOT HARM US BECAUSE WE ARE A PART OF THIS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. HERE THERE IS FULL FORGIVENESS OF SINS, BOTH IN THAT GOD FORGIVES US AND THAT WE FORGIVE, BEAR WITH, AND AID ONE ANOTHER.

OUTSIDE THIS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, HOWEVER, WHERE THERE IS NO GOSPEL, THERE IS ALSO NO FORGIVENESS, AND HENCE THERE ALSO CAN BE NO HOLINESS. THEREFORE, ALL WHO WOULD SEEK TO MERIT HOLINESS THROUGH THEIR WORKS RATHER THAN THROUGH THE GOSPEL AND THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN HAVE EXPELLED AND SEPARATED THEMSELVES FROM THIS COMMUNITY.

-LARGE CATECHISM. PART II. THE CREED, 51-56.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved". -*Augsburg Confession*. Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a.



PRELUDE

God Himself Is Present

Gerhardt Tersteegen

WELCOME

Processional Hymn

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 677

"For All the Saints"



5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Ninth Commandment:

- Do I have strong wants, desires, or cravings that consume my thoughts?
- Do I resent or envy those who have more than I?
- Do I neglect my marriage, family, church, and other relationships in a desperate attempt to satisfy the wants and desires of my flesh?
- Have my wants kept me from being happy with and thankful for what God has given me?

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

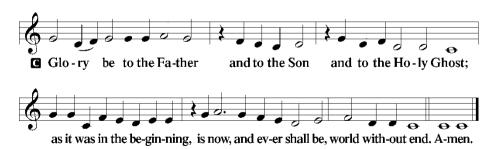
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Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b



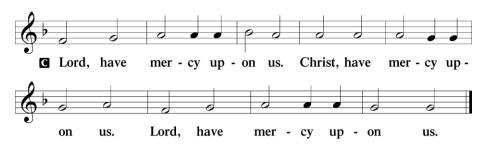
- These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

 They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
- In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;* in your righteousness de- | liver me.
- For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
 and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
- Into your hand I commit my | spirit;* you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.



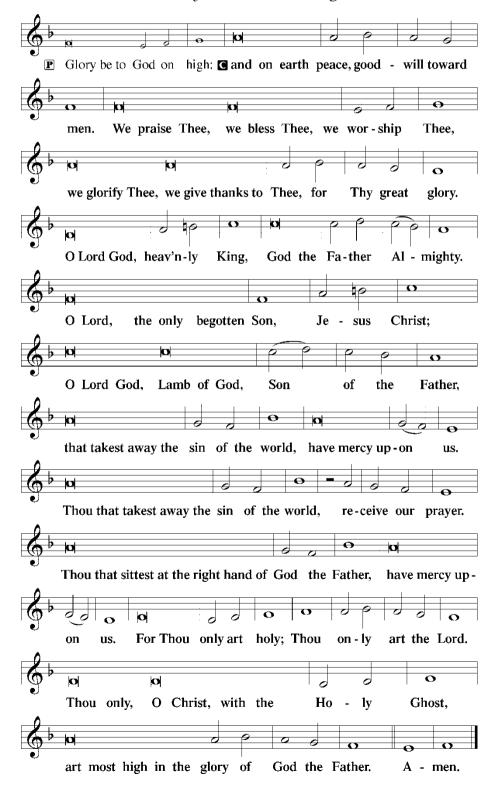
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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **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 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.

Sitting

PROPHECY Revelation 7:2–17

A The Prophecy for All Saints' Sunday is from Revelation, chapter seven.

 \mathbf{A} In those days: Behold, I, John, saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed: of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed. After these things I looked, and behold,

a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and 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 dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun

- shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



- 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 1 John 3:1–3

- **A** The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter three.
- Dearly Beloved: Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a



Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

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



- Jesus went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then 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 filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

APOSTLES' CREED [Matthew 10:32]

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Third Article of the Creed

- **P** What is the Third Article?
- 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.
- **P** What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

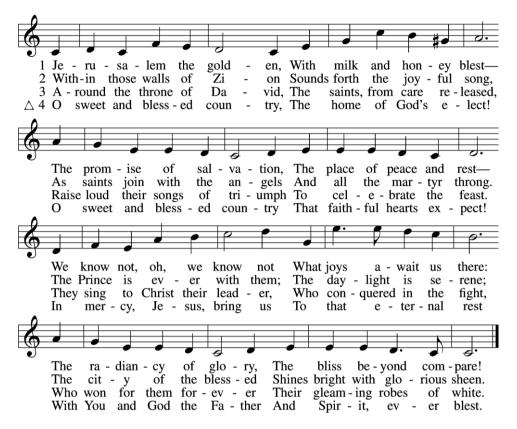
On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

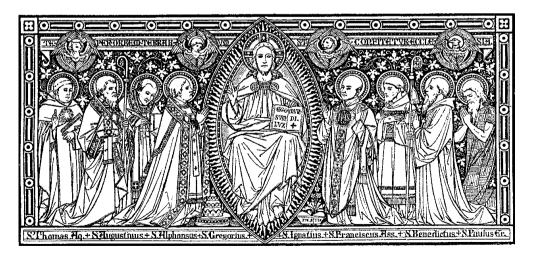
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"Jerusalem the Golden"

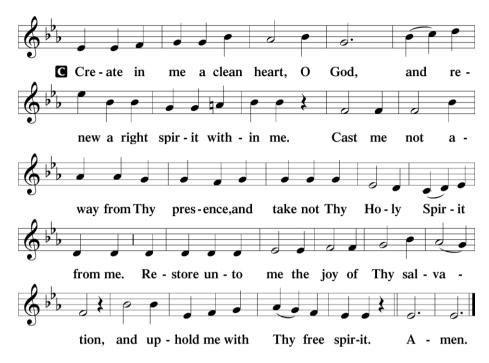


SERMON



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OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10–12



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OFFERING

Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us

Eliza S. Alderson

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/COMMEMORATION OF FAITHFUL DEPARTED

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- God, our Father, You have set apart a people for Yourself and washed them in the blood of the Lamb to be Your own. Restore us daily through repentance and forgiveness, and renew our hearts and spirits in holiness, righteousness and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O God, bless all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care, that the comfort of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection may be proclaimed to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, we know Your deep love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain Bekah and Haley and all expectant mothers and their little ones. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Gracious Father, remember all civil authorities in Your kindness, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- God of compassion, be near to the sick, the aged and infirm, the dying, the grieving, and all the afflicted [especially ______]. Grant healing according to Your will, and comfort them with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy Lord, gather us in the blessed Sacrament around the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, whom saints and angels adore around Your eternal throne. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- "I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.'" Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were redeemed by God. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy and wisdom, He summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may rest in His blissful peace forever.

Brief silence

P Hayden Abier (friend of Grayson Beckman)

	Brief silence
P	Robert Darden (uncle of David Darden)
	Brief silence
P	Lynn Douple (family friend of J.P. Morr)
	Brief silence
P	Elvie Gerecke (sister-in-law of Darlene Beckman)
	Brief silence
P	John (neighbor of the Darden family)
	Brief silence
P	Alexander Johnson (uncle of Betty Licht)
	Brief silence
P	Mack Johnson (student at Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center)
	Brief silence
P	Joyce (friend of the Darden family)
	Brief silence
P	Evelyn Mawdsley (aunt of Clara Smith)
	Brief silence
P	Michael Ocepek (brother-in-law of Eileen Buehl)
	Brief silence
P	Zoe Roark (aunt of Christina Schoellen)
	Brief silence
P	Josie Saldaña (grandmother of Mark Saldaña)
	Brief silence
P	Regan Salkow Timpson (cousin of Kerstin and Kiki Popescu)
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Brief silence

P Steven Vanderpool (friend of Adrian Popescu)

Brief silence

P Bill Vester

Brief silence

P Bryan Williams (friend of J.P. Morr)

Brief silence

Peter Wormer (uncle of Lucie Woolery)

Brief silence

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

 $Matthew~5:22\hbox{-}24;~Ephesians~4:1\hbox{-}3$

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Kneeling or sitting forward.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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,

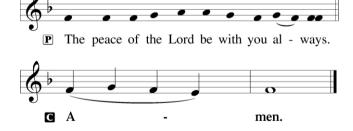
but deliver us from evil.

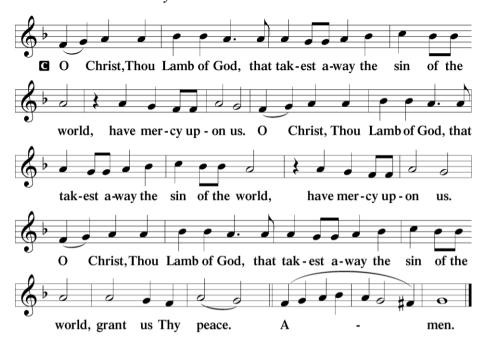
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19





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About participation in the Lord's Supper:

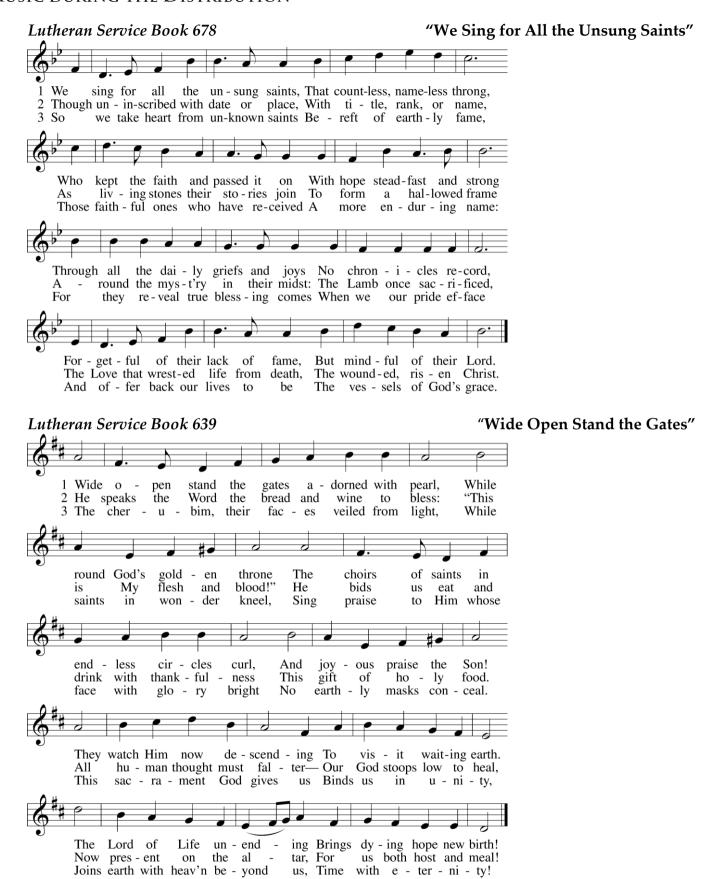
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

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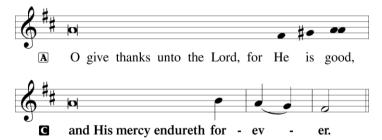






THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



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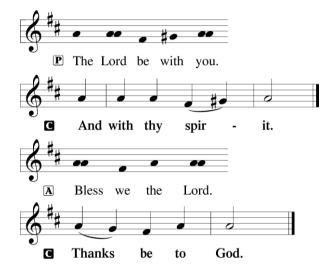
P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

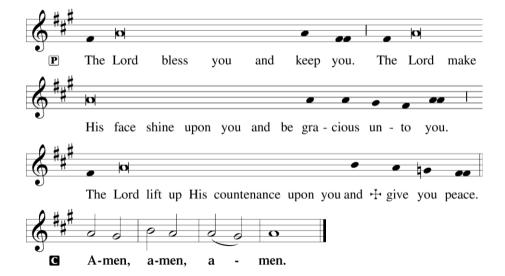
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 671

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"



POSTLUDE

How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

David Denicke



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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The Rev. David V. Miller, Pastor

Altar Assistant(s)

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders* Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte* Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Laura Darden, Director of Music

Cantor

Bri Darden

Altar Guild

Whitney Worthington/Kati & Hank Durden

Usher(s)

Isaac Beckman/Tracy Woolery

Fellowship Host(s)

Nancy Grossberg

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

This Week's Calendar			
Sunday 11/3	All Saints' Sunday Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Lunch and Learn: ASK GRANNY©	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship	
Monday 11/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
Tuesday 11/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
Wednesday 11/6	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM	
Thursday 11/7	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
Friday 11/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	
Saturday 11/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Altar Guild: Cleaning Day	Closed Closed 9:00 AM	
Sunday 11/10	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 9:00 – 9:40 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass	

LOVING THE LORD

Adult Bible Study: The History of the Kingdom of Israel

Sundays at 9:00 A.M. Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

+ Small Group Bible Study: The Books of the Church

Sunday January 26 at 3:30 P.M.: Judith; Wisdom of Solomon; Tobit Sunday February 23 at 3:30 P.M.: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach); Baruch; The Letter of Jeremiah Sunday March 23 at 3:30 P.M.: 1 & 2 Maccabees Pastor Miller's home (see church directory for address)

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website (cph.org). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via apocrypha.org.

→ Sermons on YouTube

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

Sunday November 3, following Mass Location: Church fellowship hall

Judy Russell invites you to a free genealogy lecture, supported by a grant from the Georgia Genealogical Society, called "ASK GRANNY." The object of the presentation is to help people get down on paper some of the precious family details recorded only in their memories. Over the last 20 years, Tom, Judy, and their daughter Kelly have had lots of fun doing the presentations at churches, reunions, genealogical societies, libraries, and other senior citizen events. They've helped more than 1,000 people create their handwritten charts. Now, they'd like to help you!

Before retiring from the program completely, Judy Russell would like to provide Ascension with a free ASK GRANNY presentation for anyone who might be interested. Attendees will come away from the event with an ancestral keepsake chart entitled "A Genealogical Gift to My Family." If you would like, attendees are welcome to bring a lunch or a snack to eat during the presentation. Don't miss out on this chance to preserve your family's important history!

+ Staff Appreciation Reception: Homero & Samantha Salgado/Patrice Merkerson-Moore

Saturday November 16 at 4:30 P.M. Church fellowship hall

We give God thanks to Homero and his wife Samantha Salgado for more than two decades of service to our church and school as they have served us tirelessly on the staff. Also, Patrice Merkerson-Moore is celebrating 30 years as a teacher at Open Arms. In honor of them and in gratitude to the Lord, we are inviting both members of the congregation and friends from Open Arms to join us for drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. By doing so, we wish to express to them our appreciation for the many things God has done for us through their many years of gracious service. If you wish to attend, please register on the signup sheet in the narthex.

! Eleventh Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday November 17, following Mass Church fellowship hall

For eleven years, the Chili Cook-Off has been held every November at Ascension. Contestants have had opportunity to win one of three awards: Tastiest; Spiciest; and Most Original. Anyone may enter their chili. If you would like to register, please print your first and last names, as well as print the name of your chili. The number next to your name on the signup sheet is the number by which you should place chili on the day of the Cook-Off. Numbers will be set up. Anyone may also attend the event to taste the chilis and vote as a judge. One suggestion for all contestants: please bring your chili in a crock-pot to keep it warm and ready to serve.

+ Ascension Goes to the Movies: Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.

Saturday November 23 at 4:00 P.M. AMC Parkway Pointe 15 3101 Cobb Pkwy, Atlanta (Marietta)

Did you know that Dietrich Bonhoeffer was not only a Lutheran pastor, but a brave dissident to Adolf Hitler's regime? His story is fascinating! Join the Ascension family on Saturday, November 23 for an evening at the movie theater to check out the new release, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin*. The story is all about how Bonhoeffer joins a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler and save millions of Jews. Tickets will be purchased at a 50% discount as part of a group bundle, so please email Jeni Miller at mrsjenimiller@gmail.com by Sunday, November 10 if you would like to attend.

+ Diaper Shower for Baby Boy Licht

Sunday November 24, following Mass Church fellowship hall

Ryan, Haley, and Oaklen are looking forward to meeting their new baby boy this December, so let's help them prepare with a diaper shower! Please stay after church for cake and a brief reception to celebrate. Members and friends of Ascension are invited to drop off gifts at a designated table in the narthex. The Lichts are also registered online at Amazon.com, but diapers of any size and wipes are especially welcome. No RSVP necessary, but you're welcome to direct your questions to Jeni Miller at (847)401-0479 or mrsjenimiller@gmail.com. Hooray!

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

♣ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- → Tori Mech, 11/5
- → Titus Miller, 11/5

Wedding Anniversaries:

♣ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- + Titus Miller, 11/5
- → Marion Griffin, 11/6

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- → Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- H Michelle Lovell (mother of Grayson Beckman's fiancée)
- + Hellen Kalugendo
- + Donald Licht
- → Michelle Noel

For those requesting special prayers:

- 🛨 The health and wellbeing of all the unborn, especially the children of Isaac & Bekah Beckman and Ryan & Haley Licht.
- + Family and friends of Robert (Bobby) Darden (uncle of David Darden), that as they mourn they might be comforted.
- + Faith Lutheran Church and School in Marietta, that God would provide them with a faithful pastor and principal.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- → Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- + Zachary Harmon (grandson of Steve and Patty Harmon, friends of Ascension)
- → Ruth Henry
- + Betty Licht
- + Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- + Jackie Sherwood (grandmother of Bekah Beckman)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- 🕂 Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



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