

## First Lutheran Church

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## HOLY COMMUNION All Saints Festival Sunday

Sunday ☩ November 1, 2020 ☩ 10:00 am

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### Continue in my word and you will know the truth

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

### REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*Whether we live or whether we die, we are the LORD'S*

Anne Denise Bentson December 15, 2019

Stacy Ann Tripp-Lefler April 4, 2020

Mary Jane Knudsen April 18, 2020

James Leonard Hollander April 29, 2020

Gary Robert Hollstein October 9, 2020

*You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized*

Augustus Greg Paulson March 1, 2020

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

"For All the Saints"

Ross Anderson

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"For All the Saints"

Verses 1, 2, 6, 7

*The assembly gathered in the sanctuary may sing quietly.*



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3–5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .  
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.  
thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.  
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!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
 we confess that we are not awake for you.  
 We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
 We forget the least of our siblings.  
 We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
 We are infected by sin  
 that divides your beloved community.  
 Open our hearts to your coming,  
 open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
 open our hands to serve your creation. **Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
 and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
 Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,  
 by Jesus you are welcome,  
 in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
 Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
 from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of six staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

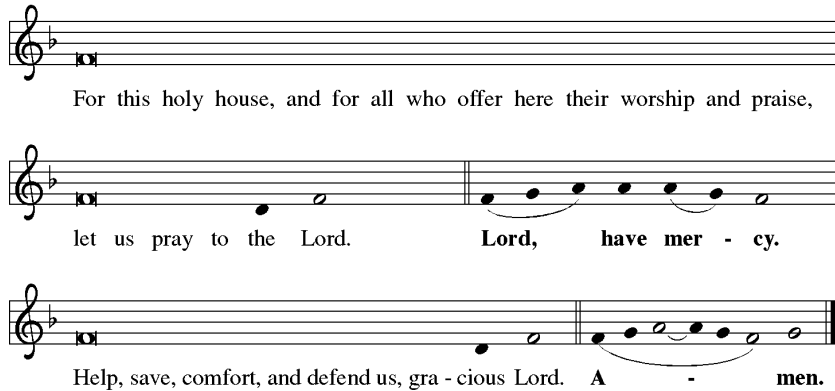
Staff 2: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Staff 3: **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Staff 4: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

Staff 5: and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Staff 6: **Lord, have mer - cy.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together  
in one communion in the mystical body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace  
to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,  
and to know the inexpressible joys  
you have prepared for those who love you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## HOSPITALITY

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## READING

*The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb*

Revelation 7:9-17

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing,

"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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## READING

*We are God's children*

1 John 3:1-3

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly gathered in the sanctuary sings quietly.*



## GOSPEL

*Blessed are the poor in spirit*

Matthew 5:1-12

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Behold a Host”

*The assembly gathered in the sanctuary may sing quietly. Between verses a litany of saints from the Bible, from the church and from this community are remembered.*



1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad  
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in  
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



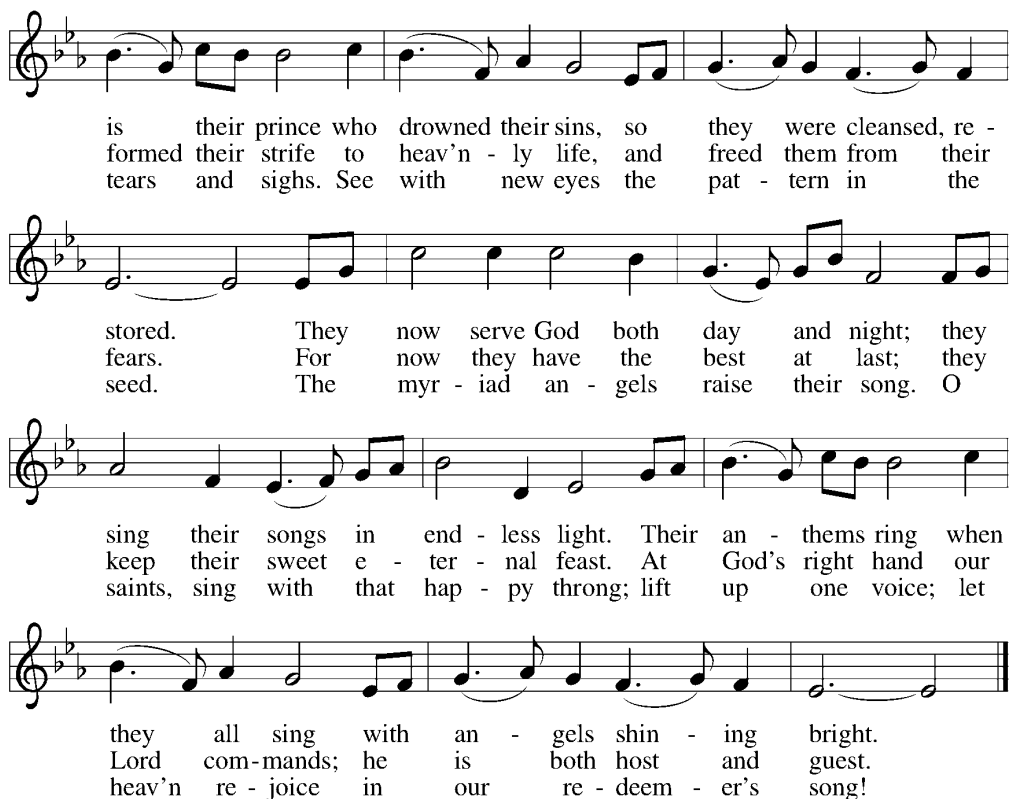
moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -  
heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they  
you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who  
shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through  
scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He  
bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -  
home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -  
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their  
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the

stored. They now serve God both day and night; they  
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they  
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O

sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when  
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our  
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let

they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.  
 heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.  
 Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907  
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## Reading and Blessing

*A reading from the book of Hebrews.*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us,  
we pray for the outpouring of God's power  
on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
until that day when you gather all creation around your throne  
where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Greet one another with a gesture of peace.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## BLESSING

Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses,  
may we live forgiven,  
running the race God has set before us  
both now and to eternity,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING OF GIFTS

**Musical Reflection**

"For All the Saints"

*John Behnke*

*The radio broadcast and livestream worship concludes.*



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### SERVING TODAY

Pastor Kristine Stedje	<i>presider and preacher</i>
Bruce Miller	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist</i>
Kaia Downing	<i>sacristan</i>
Jami Denne	<i>crucifer</i>
Chris Taylor	<i>reader</i>
Janet and David Gross	<i>choir</i>
Ben and Alison Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Gary and Candy Johnson, Ken Carlson	<i>covid hosts</i>

Our radio broadcast today over KMNS is sponsored by Craig and Sandie LaMaster. Our sincere thanks.

Food Pantry Volunteers for **November 4** are LaVonne Lundgren and Dorothy Goettsch.

**The National Lutheran Choir** brings their annual All Saints program to a virtual world-wide audience on November 1, 2020. "In Memoriam (We Remember)" sees the Choir sharing music of Remembrance, Perseverance, and Hope, with memorial names submitted by listeners as backdrop to the music and message. **Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 4pm (CST) @ [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com)**

### **Synod Wide Adult Faith Event: "Gather, grow, and go!"**

Wednesdays in November and December gather with other learners around the synod to explore Luther's Small Catechism. We'll gather together, grow and deepen our faith and then go and strive to live following Jesus. **Wednesdays at 7 pm (Nov 4, 11, 18 and Dec 2, 9, 16).** This is a synod sponsored zoom conference call, all who are interested to check with Pastor Kristine for the zoom link.

### Council Communication Meeting

Join us for a Livestream **Council Communication Meeting on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am**, following worship. Representatives of the Council will update you on congregation information and news.

We are canceling the Wednesday, November 4 Communion Service at 12 noon and 7 pm. We originally scheduled these first Wednesday of the month options before resuming Communion on Sunday mornings.

#### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**Nov 1 - Nov 8, 2020**

**Sunday: 9:00** Christian Ed in FH/CR  
**10:00** Worship/All Saints/FB Live/Radio/In-Person

**Wednesday: 9:00 - 11:30** Food Pantry  
**1:00** WELCA in FH  
**5:30 - 7:00** LLC/Confirmation in FH/CR

**Thursday: 11:00** Bible Study via Zoom  
**6:30** Worship & Music in FR

**Sunday: 9:00** Christian Ed in FH/CR  
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**11:00** Council Communication Livestream

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**Mission and Vision**  
*We are a Christian  
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called by God to respond to  
God's gift of grace  
as servants to the world.*

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