FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Feast of All Saints

November 3, 2024
Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

10:30am – livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

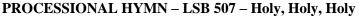


AS WE GATHER

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses" (12:1) and tells of "the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven" and "the spirits of the righteous made perfect" (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that "the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake" (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God's grace we, too, will be "numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting" (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC - Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils Are Ended (Johannes Brahms)





INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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+++ WORD +++

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

Choir: 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.

Choir: For you are my rock and my | fortress;* and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide Into your hand I commit my | spirit;

You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and \mid to the Son* and to the Holy \mid Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now and will be forever. | Amen.

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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark* 10:47

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



SALVATION
belongs to OUR GOD
who sits on the throne,
and to THE LAMB!"

Revelation 7:10, ESV

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Revelation 7:9-17 – God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵"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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

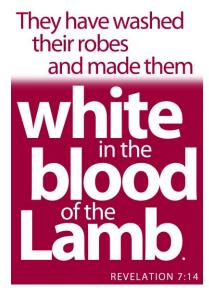
the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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 eves."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL - Revelation 7:14. Psalm 84:5

The congregation joins in singing the portion in **bold type**.



The Gradual for the final Sundays of the Church Year uses imagery from the Revelation to St. John and the Book of Psalms to turn our attention to the end times. As the days grow shorter and colder with the approach of winter, we are surrounded by reminders of our own mortality. But God promises us His strength for our journey and renews our souls with the promise of the crown of life in the glory of the world to come.

EPISTLE – **1 John 3:1-3** – We are called God's children now through His love.

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. ² 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. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Hebrews 12:1-2

Please join in singing the Alleluias before and after the verse.



Choir: 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** – Jesus speaks to His disciples on the mountain.

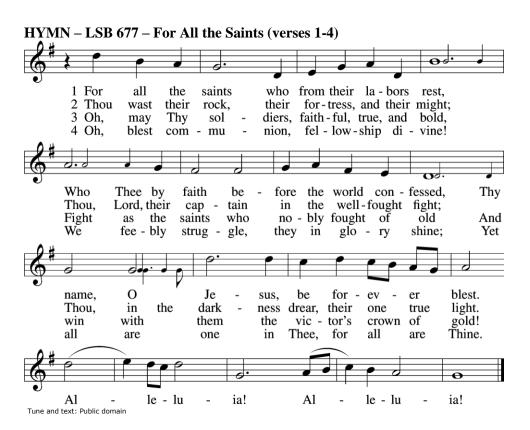
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



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

- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² 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.





SERMON – Heirs Apparent – 1 John 3:1-3

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.

And 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.

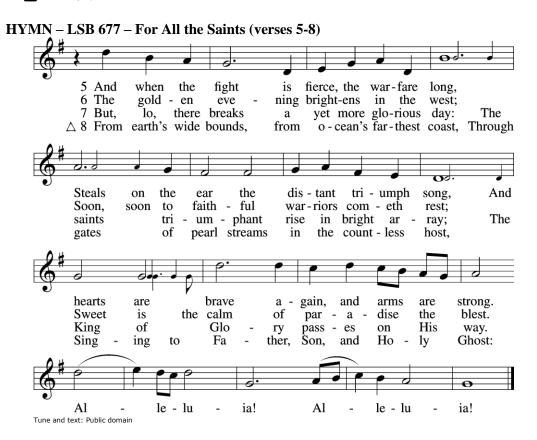
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith this past year and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Jean Albers Lu Mercier
David Beck George Mercier

Tom Zimmerman

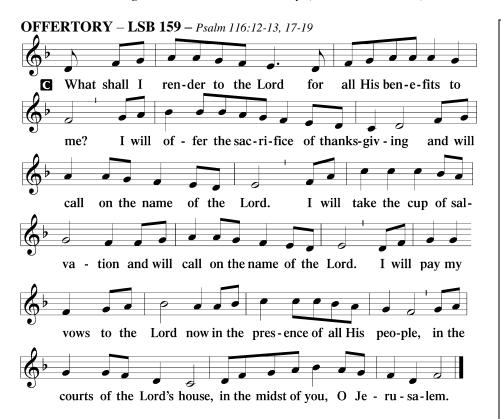
- Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving Your servants [names], who trusted in Christ and who now stand in Your nearer presence where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we may await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A ...Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.
- A ... through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. C Amen.

OFFERING – *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* (arr. Walter L. Pelz)



+++SACRAMENT+++

beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

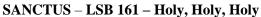
For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and singing:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

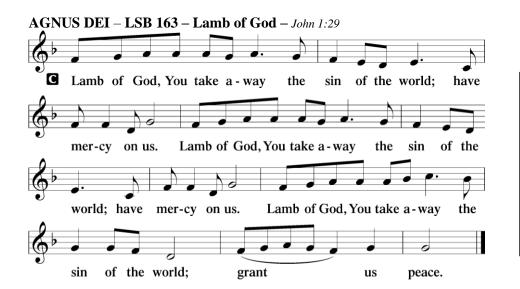
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI - The Peace of the Lord - John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – Jesu, Joy – My Joy Forever (J. S. Bach)

LSB 671 – Sing with All the Saints in Glory



Distribution Notes:

If you need gluten-free wafers, please let one of the pastors know.

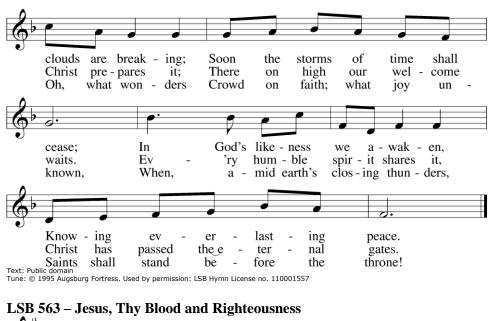
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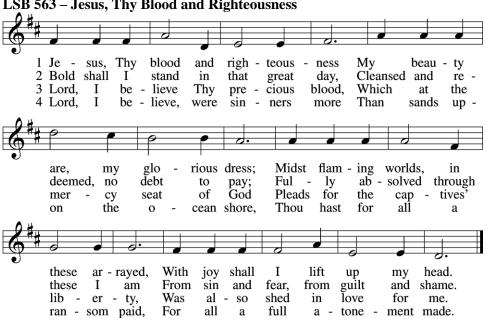
Jesu, Joymy joy forever – Cordial, comfort of my soul, Jesus turns away all sorrows That would light and life control.

Strong and righteous, Jesus shining, Brightness, pleasure, good defining, So I ever am aware, Heart and soul.

> -Martin Jahn. ca. 1661 tr. Martin A. Seltz

of Jesus there!

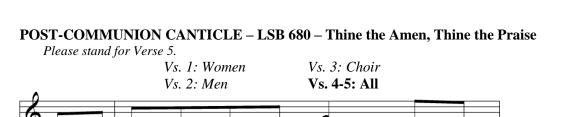




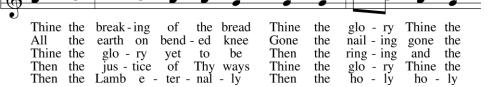
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

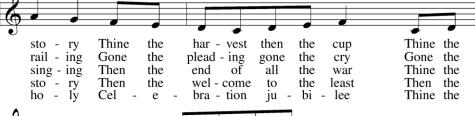
6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

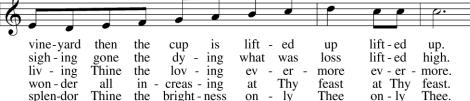
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and H give you peace.



C Amen.





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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Toccata in Seven* (John Rutter)

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Thank you to the Senior Choir and our festival instrumentalists this morning:

Zachary Calhoon, Joshua Grimes, Noah Grimes, Evan Huang, Brian McDonie, and James Starkey

Tuesday, November 5 – Grand Hall used as polling site

9:00pm **Playgroup** (playground)

1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team** (narthex)

Wednesday, November 6

10:00am Men's & Women's Bible studies

7:00pm **Senior Choir**

Friday, November 8

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out (Grand Hall)

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Marilyn Zimmerman** in loving memory of **Tom**.

Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10 Indiana District Youth Gathering

Sunday, November 10 Subscriptions DUE for The Lutheran Witness

To either RENEW or add a NEW subscription for 2025 please sign up on the podium or <u>contact the church office</u> with the name/s and address to use.

Payment of \$24 may be in the form of cash (in an envelope with your name and *Lutheran Witness*) or check made payable to Faith Lutheran Church (with *Lutheran Witness* in the memo line) by Thanksgiving.

Saturday, November 16

10:00am Altar Guild meeting – returning and prospective members (men and women)

6:00pm Generosity Feeds charity Dinner/Recital (ULu)

Tuesdays: December 3, 10, 17, 24



Salvation Army Bell-ringing

Faith will once again ring for Salvation Army at *Kroger East* each Tuesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Visit faithbtown.org – or contact *Janet Hitzeman* - to sign up for a 2-hour shift.

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