

# ALL SAINTS' DAY 2019

*November 3, 2019*

**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. With thankfulness, we recall those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who now rest from their labors. On this special day, we remember the blessed saints of times long past and those of recent times as well. By God's grace in Christ, we have a promised place among the saints and can joyfully claim this day as ours!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALLING ON GOD

**L:** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

**L:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**L:** 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~*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

L: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. By the command of Jesus, I forgive you all of your sins—in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**KYRIE**

*LBW pg. 78-79*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**P:** This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**C:** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L:** Let us Pray...Heavenly Father, You have lavished a great love upon Your children from every nation, tribe, and language. Show us mercy and comfort, Lord, as we mourn those saints who have gone before us in the faith, so that we continue to share Your love with all nations, through Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

*Salvation belongs to God and 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."

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5: 1-12**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

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 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.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN: "For All the Saints"**

**LBW 174 (vs. 1,2,4,7)**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who by faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one within your great design.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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 power of 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**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:*

**P:** Lord, in your mercy

**C:** hear our prayer

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

**Buck Weatherill**  
**Brenda Schmisser**  
**Joel Bond**  
**David Hagen**  
**Jennings Campbell**  
**Helen Reininger**  
**Cliff McKenzie**

**Betty Ward**  
**Doris & Del Starr**  
**Dennis Starr**  
**Jim & Lorraine Roosa**  
**Curtis Petersen**  
**Melvin Baker**  
**Joan Ewing**

**L:** 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.**

## **OFFERING**

## CHOIR ANTHEM: "The One"

On the swiftest wings of morning,  
From the highest King of Heaven,  
comes a holy invitation to a feast.

Interceding for His children,  
at the right hand of the Father,  
He invites us all, the most unto the least.

*CHORUS: The One who knows your name  
has bid you, "Come. "The One who bore  
your shame, God's only Son, has prepared a  
celebration as a gift from God above;  
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.*

*By: Susan Bentall Boersma & Craig Courtney*

Gather now around God's table,  
feel the splendor of the Savior, as He serves  
the fragrant bread and pours the wine.  
Then in grateful adoration of His blood and  
body given, praise the One who offers us the  
feast divine.

*CHORUS x2*

He took, He blessed, He broke, He gave;  
A sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*LBW pg. 88*

**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.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

*LBW pg. 88*

## **SANCTUS**

*LBW pg. 89*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might; Heav'n and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### *“You Who Dwell in the Shelter”*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in this shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under God’s wings your refuge  
With faithfulness your shield.

And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of my hand.

#### *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us, Be the Guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

## ***“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”***

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand—  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro’ the storm, thro’ the night,  
Lead me on to the light—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near—  
When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## **POST-COMMUNION SONG: “Thank the Lord”**

*LBW pg. 92-93*

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **PRAYER**

**L:** Eternal Father, in the words of Jesus, Your Son, You have shown to us the way of those who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out our days as those who walk ways of meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in our lifetime. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct and counsel us in all things and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING SONG: “As We Go, Lord, From This Place”**

As we go, Lord, from this place, Hold us close in your embrace.

When we’re weak, your strength provide.

When we’re lost, oh, be our guide. For you, Lord, shall show the way

As we journey day by day.

As we leave this place of rest, May we, Lord, by you be blest.

Send us forth to mirror you In all things we say and do.

Be for us a shining light. Save us, Lord, by your great might.

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