

All Saints' Day (Observed)

November 06, 2022

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Drive: Clean out your closets and get ready! We will be having a clothing drive starting now until December 2. For more information on the clothing drive, contact Sandie Rust.

Zion Lutheran 1810 McClintock Ave. Belleville, today at 3 p.m. for their **"Church Triumphant Hymn Festival"**

Illinois Family Institute Voter Guide: Election Day is Nov. 8th. Copies of the Voting Record of U.S. Senate and Congress as well as state candidates are available on the table by the Guest Book in the church narthex.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY INTRODUCTION

L: Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. That hope is summarized in today's short Epistle.

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–3* (We are already God's children.)

L: 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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE

P: Confident of God's salvation in Christ, let us confess our sins to our loving heavenly Father. Lord of all mercy,

C: we confess that we have not lived as Your children. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.

P: The Psalmist writes;
"The LORD takes pleasure in His people;
He adorns the humble with salvation."

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us receive now His gift of forgiveness as beloved children of our heavenly Father, for that is who we are. And let us trust His Word, that everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as he is pure; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (vss. 1 & 4)

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

C: 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;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

A READING from the *Revelation of St John, chapter 7.*

7:9–17

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.”**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL (Read Responsively) Matthew 5:1–12

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

L: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

L: “Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: Blessed are those who mourn,

C: for they shall be comforted.

L: Blessed are the meek,

C: for they shall inherit the earth.

L: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

C: for they shall be satisfied.

L: Blessed are the merciful,

C: for they shall receive mercy.

L: Blessed are the pure in heart,

C: for they shall see God.

L: Blessed are the peacemakers,

C: for they shall be called sons of God.

L: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

L: 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,

C: for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 677

“For All the Saints” (vss 1, 2, 4, & 7)

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

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

SERMON “All Saints’ Day is Still ALL About Jesus” Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES’ CREED. (3rd Article)

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

OFFERING

✠ REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ✠

HYMN No. 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (1 & 3)

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

P: 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.

THE BELL TOLLS FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED: (SEE PRINTED LIST)
(The bell tolls after the reading of each name remembered)

P: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You 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.

HYMN No. 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (vs. 4)

O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray all people according to their need:
Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions. Lord of all goodness; **C:** hear our prayer.

L: We also remember the living saints who are with us celebrating the life given by our Creator. Grant Your blessing to **Wendi Gorney, Kathy Husemann, Dean Krantz, Peggy Russell, Kaitlyn Jackson, Christi Poteet, AND Liv Colvin**, who celebrate this week. May their special day bring them joy and happiness as they recount the many blessings You have given them. Lord of all goodness,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We offer You praise and thanks for those saints who have joined themselves together in holy marriage and reaped the benefits of a good reward for their toil, support to lift up one another in times of hardship, and for mutual protection from their enemies (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12). Grant to **Erik & Jayni Lintvedt**, Your blessing in the days, months and years ahead that they may give You thanks for the bond of love that unites them. Lord of all goodness,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power, be to our God for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, who from the foundation of the world prepared Your salvation to be revealed in Your Son and who elected us according to Your mercy to be His own, now and forevermore. Recalling with joy His one, all-sufficient sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross, we gather in His name to receive the fruits of His redeeming work in the Holy Sacrament He instituted, of which He is both host and food, according to His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the Bread of Life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
And give us, a foretaste of the feast to come.**

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Merciful Lord,

**C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in
Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.**

**But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to
drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls
washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and
He in us. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace, comfort and joy in this Sacrament,

C: and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you

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

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 672

"Jerusalem the Golden"

**Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest,
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare!**

Within those walls of Zion, Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph, To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.

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SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GIVE GLORY TO GOD ALL YE SAINTS!