

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today is All Saints' Day, a solemn, yet joyful remembrance of those who have left this world to be in the presence of Jesus.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets – sign up to give \$\$ toward: 1) Turkeys for Unity Lutheran School; 2) Cash for O'Fallon Food Pantry; Cash for Gift Cards given to those in need in our church and community. Place in the baskets beside Pastor Vern's Office. Contact PV with Names of those needing help.

Nov 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Service (7 PM)

**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**P:** Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.

**C:** We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.

**P:** We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace,  
and filled them with faith.

**C:** We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.

**P:** We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

**C:** We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.

**P:** We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us  
nor forsake us.

**C:** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 3:1**

**P:** In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

**C:** Kind Father, we confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.

**P:** Today we hear these beautiful words from John: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **SONG OF PRAISE                    “Ancient of Days”    (video)**

Though the nations rage   Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King   Reigning over all  
So I will not fear   For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

**Chorus:**            None above Him none before Him  
                 All of time in His hands  
                 For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
                 All the power all the glory  
                 I will trust in His name  
                 For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night   Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me   I am not alone  
O His love is sure   And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

Though I may not see   What the future brings  
I will watch and wait   For the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete   Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (Chorus)

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✠ 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.

**READING OF THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

**P:** In remembrance of all those who have died in the communion of the Church:

*Read the names of those who have died. Toll a bell for each name.*

**P:** With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts, we remember these loved ones. Having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God; 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 DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 7: 9–17*

(John catches a glimpse in a vision of God's restoration of all creation.)

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

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

[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.

[16] They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

[17] 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.

**EPISTLE      1 John 3:1–3 (The Father loves us and calls us His children.)**

**[1] 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. (ESV)**

**L:      This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C:      Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE *Revelation 7:14b***

**P:      Alleluia! These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.**

**C:      They have washed their robes and made them white  
         in the blood of the Lamb. Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL      *Matthew 5:1–12*      (Jesus blesses some of the least likely  
         people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)**

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

**C:      Glory to You, O Lord.**

**[1] 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.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 677 “For All the Saints” (vss. 1,2,3,6)**

**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, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SERMON “He Shall Wipe Away Every Tear from Our Eyes” Rev. 9:17  
Pastor Vern**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P: As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.**

***A time of silence.***

**P:** O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Almighty God, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Lord of the Living, You breathed life into Adam and Eve and through the agency of parents breathed life into **Wendi Gorney, Kathy Husemann, Dean Krantz, Peggy Russell, Kaitlyn Jackson, Christi Poteet, and Liv Colvin**, who each celebrate the day of their birth this week. Open their eyes to see Your handiwork in them, and help them to use their giftedness to serve You by serving others. Lord in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** Faithful God, You never break Your covenants. Therefore we are never left doubting Your intentions over us. Give that same certainty to those who have given themselves to each other in holy marriage. Let faithfulness be the shelter and shield over the union of **Erik & Jayni Lintvedt and Gary & Melanie Williams** as celebrate their anniversaries this week. Let the radiance of Your light shine through them that they may be examples of Christian love. May the world recognize them as Your disciples through the love they share with each other. Lord in Your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

**P: Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**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.**

### **HYMN No. 790 "Praise to the Lord" (vs. 5)**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, Come now with praise before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!**

### **PRAYER**

**P: Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.**

**C: Amen.**

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



**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.

**LAMB OF GOD**      (Agnus Dei)      **LSB 163**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**      *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P:** Now with the very words of Christ we consecrate this sacred meal.

**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.”

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**DISTRIBUTION**      “Give Me Jesus”      (Video)  
LSB 672 – “Jerusalem the Golden”

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have strengthened us through this sacrament for our pilgrim journey. Accompany us with Your grace until we join saints and angels to sing Your praises around Your eternal throne, through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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. 490     “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (vs. 1)**

Jesus lives! The victory’s won!

Death no longer can appall me;

Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!

From the grave will Christ recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence.

## **SENDING**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!