

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY (Observed)

November 3, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**



OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12*

P: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

C: **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C: **Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

C: **Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.**

C: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

✠ 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:(2-8) 9-17*(God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.)

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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 817 "Earth and All Stars" (vs 1-3, 7)

**Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

**Refrain:
He has done marvelous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!**

**Hail, wind, and rain!
Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees!
Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

**Trumpet and pipes!
Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre!
Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

**Children of God,
Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth,
Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

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. 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12* (Jesus speaks to His disciples on the mountain.)

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S TALK

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 677 “For All the Saints” (vvs 1-3)

**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!

SERMON

Pastor Bill Geis

CREED *Nicene Creed (please stand)*

C: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gratefully we pray for the church at large and for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, remembering the saints in other places around the world who share in our faith and hope and love and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Confidently we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, [*especially* . . .]. Grant that their petitions, Good Shepherd, be answered according to Your gracious will and that they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Help us to cherish the company of all of God's people and seek to bring care in Christ to all with cheerful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We humble ourselves before You, O Lord, as millions vote and thousands of decisions are made for our governance. We commend to You all the people in this process. Amid perceived "wins" and "loses," may we, Your Church, honor You as Ruler over all nations in all these matters. Lay your hand upon Your Church that we may respond with blessing as Your Word calls us to do, neither boasting nor defaming, but constantly serving with "requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for all those who govern, living live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (c.f. 1 Timothy 2:1-3) Lord, in Your Mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (Spoken)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Video - "Give Me Jesus"

No. 790 "Praise to the Lord"

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and,
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness
and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

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!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(p. 164 in hymnal)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek 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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we may be the peacemakers, the meek and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Eternal Father, You have shown to us, in the words of Jesus Christ, Your Son, the way of those who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out our days as Your people who walk in ways of meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in our lifetimes. 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 Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *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. 677 "For All the Saints" (vs 4 & 8)

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

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God!**