

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 2020

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GATHERING

Where responses are indicated, please respond quietly.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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 and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!” #377 vs. 1, 2, 5
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Revelation

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

(Revelation 7:9-17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

⁸**O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰**The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

A Reading from 1 John

^{3:1}See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

(1 John 3:1-3)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{5:1}When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(Matthew 5:1–12)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shall We Gather at the River” #423 vs. 1, 3, 4
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SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from of the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in according to the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who protect the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country as we share in another national presidential election. Help us to act in ways which acknowledge our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer in any way. We especially pray for the men and women whose names are written on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod and bless our bishop elect. Help us to daily witness to your love and power in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year (*here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

[INSTRUCTIONS

The Sacrament will be distributed by the Pastor and the Communion Assistant while the congregation is seated.

If a person wishes to receive a bread wafer, he/she will extend a hand. The Pastor will use small stainless-steel tongs to pick up the wafer and drop it into the person's hand. The person will then pull up his/her face mask and place the wafer in his/her mouth. After the wafer has been received, the Pastor will proceed to the next person in the pew.

When the Pastor has returned to the center aisle, the Communion Assistant will go up the same vacant pew until he/she comes to the next person. If this person wishes to receive a cup of wine, he/she will extend a hand. The Communion Assistant will allow the person to pick up a cup from the tray. He/she will then pull up his/her face mask and drink from the cup.

If someone seeks a blessing instead of the Sacrament, the Pastor will give a blessing to him/her without making any physical contact.

Empty cups should be placed in the plastic bags found in the pews. These bags will be removed from the pews once the service has ended.]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

And may the blessing of God,
who is Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” #366 vs. 1, 2, 4
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THE DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our Liturgy and Music are used by permission through Augsburg Fortress License #20611.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of my mother, Margaret B. Piacine, by Danielle Richards.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of our 20th wedding anniversary on November 4, by Jason and Jessica Swick.

Bulletins are presented in honor of our granddaughter, Charleigh Grace, on her 5th birthday, by Darin and Crystal Brensinger.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (11/1/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Deb Moyer; GREETER: TBA; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: TBA

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Jim Spotts; GREETER: Greg Sklar;

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel;

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/8/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; GREETER: TBA

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Tina Butler; GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Sue Petresky;

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle,

Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S		
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Sunday, November 1	8:00 AM	Worship w/ Holy Communion
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Wednesday, November 4	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
Thursday, November 5	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Saturday, November 7	5:30 PM	Worship w/Holy Communion
Sunday, November 8	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

Introduction to the Day: All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

WE REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS...

Since our last observance of All Saints' Sunday the following members and friends of this congregation has left this earthly life. We remember them and give thanks to God for the time we have shared together.

John "Jack" Lengel

Janet G. (Schroding) "Dolly" Mertz

Rachel E. (Seidel) Zehner

Rose Ann Rarick

Paula L. Huebner

William H. Young, Jr.

Crystal L. Rausch

Betty L. Kaler

Charles A. Beneck

Virginia L. Smith

James William "Jim" McKivigan

Eva E. Young

Marguerite E. (Yeich) Mortimer

Gervase R. "George" Murphy

William C. "Bill" Smith

Let us also give thanks to God and remember all our family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances who have departed from this world over the past year and now rest from their labors. May God keep them safe in His care

GATHERING HYMN

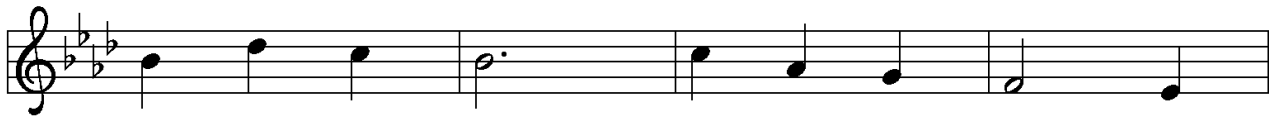
“Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!” #377 vs. 1, 2, 5



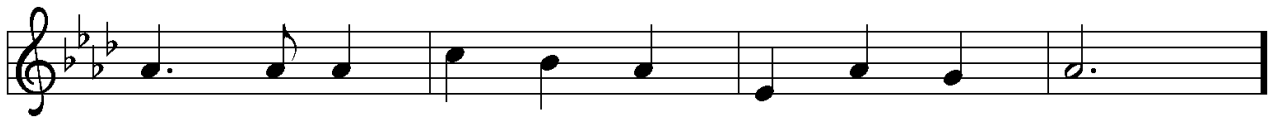
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
4 Weep-ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light!
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen-dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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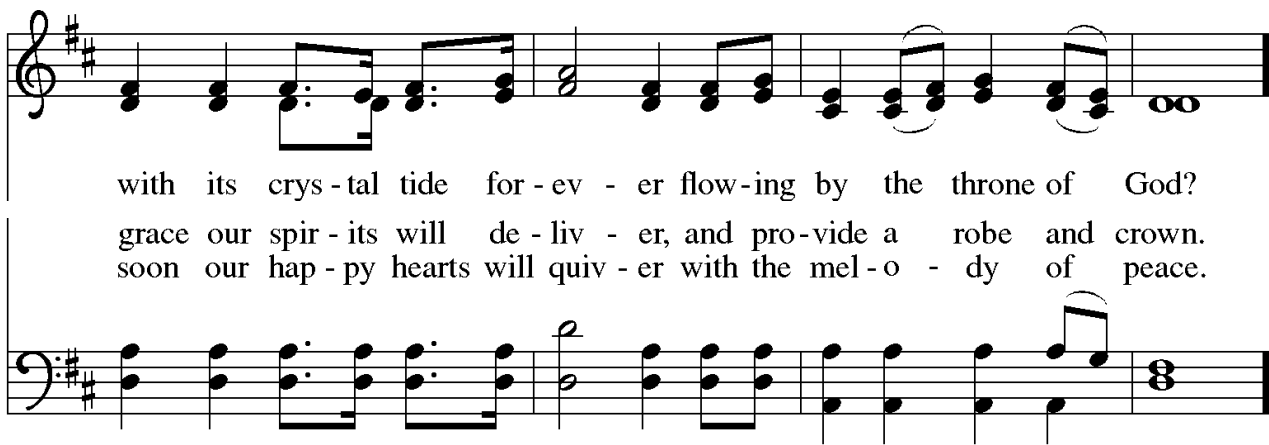
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HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shall We Gather at the River” #423 vs. 1, 3, 4



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

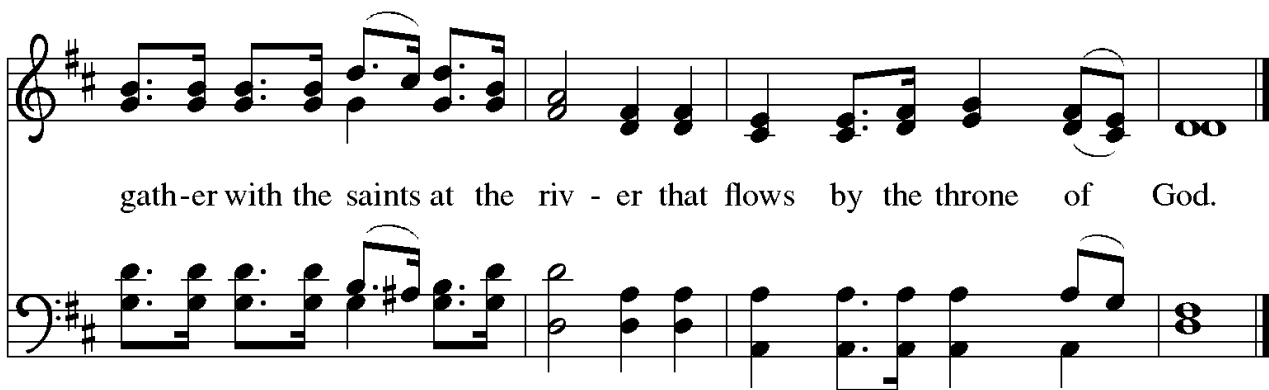


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

SENDING HYMN

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” #366 vs. 1, 2, 4

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve will again be ordered from
Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA.
The cost of an 8+ bloom plant is \$8.00.

Please indicate red or white blooms and to whom you wish to dedicate.
If you choose not to dedicate the plants, you will be listed as a sponsor.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS IS DECEMBER 6TH

Please complete this form
and return it with payment to the plate in the Gathering Room.

YOUR NAME: _____

I would like to order _____ red poinsettia(s),

I would like to order _____ white poinsettia(s),

at \$8.00 each. I wish to dedicate my flowers(s) "in honor/memory of."
(Please circle one)

Honor/Memory: _____

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Total # of Poinsettias: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____