

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

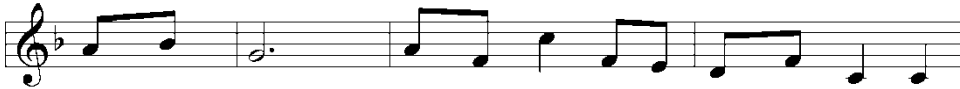
"Who Is a Saint?"

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #671 *"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"*



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



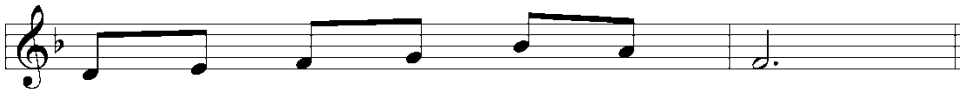
To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Matthew 5:3

C: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: O Almighty God,

C: Merciful Father, we confess that we are sinners, sinful from birth, and that our sinful condition separates us from You. We have sinned against You in our selfish thoughts, our unkind and insensitive words, our hurtful actions and our failure to lovingly help others. We have failed to honor Your name. We have not of ourselves been merciful, or humble, or pure in heart. We have not thanked You for the blessed life You give us. Forgive our sins through Jesus, and enable us to serve You forever.

P: Rejoice and be glad! Jesus was given to die for you, and for His sake God has forgiven you all your sins. He has declared you holy, and made you His saints. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God! Amen!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, under the headship of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that comes from faith, that together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

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.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(sung)*

Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve

That Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

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

C: *(spoken)* Glory to You, O Lord.

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:

“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.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

(please be seated)

THE CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #677 "For All the Saints" (verses 1-3)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
win with them the victor's crown of gold!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: On this day when we celebrate All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our congregation who have gone before us with faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life; they have been nourished in the company of His people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in His mercy God has received them to His presence so that they may continue in joyful service to Him forever. We especially remember this day:

Elaine Friedrichsen	Date of Death: January 8, 2024
Gaylord Boeck	Date of Death: February 12, 2024
Kathy Korner	Date of Death: February 13, 2024
Tom Bubke	Date of Death: March 15, 2024
Roger Chisholm	Date of Death: April 17, 2024
James Aldag	Date of Death: April 9, 2024
Guenter Detlefsen	Date of Death: May 1, 2024
Marlene Hight	Date of Death: September 8, 2024
Gloria Schmidt	Date of Death: September 19, 2024

THE SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth who now rest from their labors. Comfort those of us who mourn over loved ones lost this past year, and encourage us all through Your Word, that we may trust Your promises and abide in the joy of Your salvation. 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. Amen.

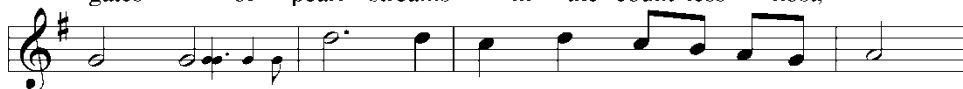
THE HYMN OF THE DAY #677 "For All the Saints" (verses 4-8)



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest; The
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

(please be seated)

THE SERMON "Who Is a Saint?" Text: Matthew 5:1-12

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS (LSB #785 verse 1)

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

(please stand)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: For all God's chosen people whom He has knit together in one body under the headship of His Son, that He would give His whole Church in heaven and on earth His light and His peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, that they may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to their joyful resurrection, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all church workers, for all the congregations committed to their care, for all missionaries and Mission Development Counselors Gary Thies and Pastor Steve Schulz, that they may proclaim the comfort of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those who are neglecting the grace of God, straying from His presence, and in danger of forsaking the faith that was once entrusted to the saints, that the Holy Spirit would mercifully turn them to repentance and the faith, which produces the fruits of repentance, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all in authority over us, for all who work to bring peace and justice, for all in our Armed Forces, that God would supply them with His blessing that they may be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For wisdom for our citizens, that we exercise our civic duty to vote and be guided to elect trustworthy leaders who will contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, that we may be a people of peace among ourselves while also being a blessing to the other nations of the earth, and that we will serve with Godly faithfulness in our generation, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those in need, for the sick and injured especially . . . , for all whom we remember silently in our hearts [*silent prayer*], that God's great mercy may relieve and comfort each, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: With thanksgiving for the rains, and that the Lord would provide weather, safety, and all that is needed for farmers and all who work together that the harvest and the work of this season may be completed, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the grace of God to govern our hearts that we may never forget that all blessings come from the Lord, but rather give faithful thanks and praise for all the goodness of God in this life until, with all the saints, we praise Him eternally in heaven, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, O Lord, 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, who has also taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

#680 "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

#644 "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

#672 "Jerusalem the Golden"



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

(please stand)

THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your blessed saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Concerning the Saints
From the Augsburg Confession of 1530

“Our people teach that the saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith. Moreover, it is taught that each person, according to his or her calling, should take the saints’ good works as an example. . . . However, it cannot be demonstrated from Scripture that a person should call upon the saints or seek help from them. ‘For there is only one single Reconciler and Mediator set up between God and humanity, Jesus Christ’ (1 Timothy 2:[5]). He is the only Savior, the only High Priest, the Mercy Seat, and Intercessor before God (Romans 8:[34]). He also has promised to hear our prayers. According to the Scripture, in all our needs and concerns it is the highest worship to seek and call upon this same Jesus Christ with our whole heart. ‘But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous.’ . . . [1 John 2:1]”

(The Augsburg Confession, Article XXI)