

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 . . .



REVELATION 7:9

Sunday, November 5, 2023
All Saints Day

Service Theme
A TIME TO FOCUS ON FUTURE GLORY

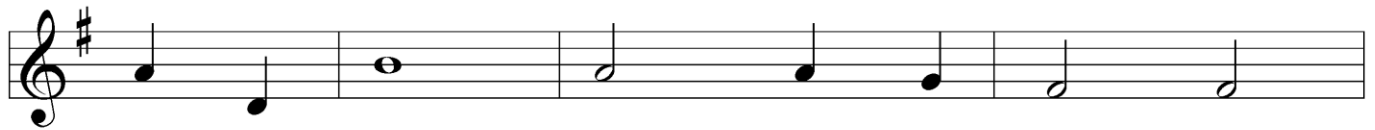
On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us—all those who had faith in the Lamb of God: both the heroes of faith in Scripture and our faithful Christian family and friends, now fallen asleep. They all endured hardship and pain in this wicked world. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? By keeping our focus on Jesus, the forgiveness he won for us through his cross, and the future glory that waits for us.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress,
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful,
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low -
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the



la - bors rest, All who their faith be -
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who
 ship di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle;
 war - fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O
 in the well - fought fight And in the
 no - bly fought of old And win with
 they in glo - ry shine, Yet all are
 dis - tant tri - umph - song, And hearts are



Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 dark - ness drear their one true light.
 them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 one with - in your grand de - sign.
 brave a - gain and arms are strong.



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

DIVINE SERVICE II

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INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD

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| <p>1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and
grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> <p>2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy
share.</p> <p>4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.</p> |
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SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON – Revelation 7:9-17 (EHV)

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven so that we might remember the future glory that waits for us.

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

PSALM – 23 (CW, p. 72)

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green
pastures;

he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*

he guides me in paths of
righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies.*

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the
Son***

**and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND READING – 1 John 3:1–3 (EHV)

In love God the Father adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

VERSE OF THE DAY

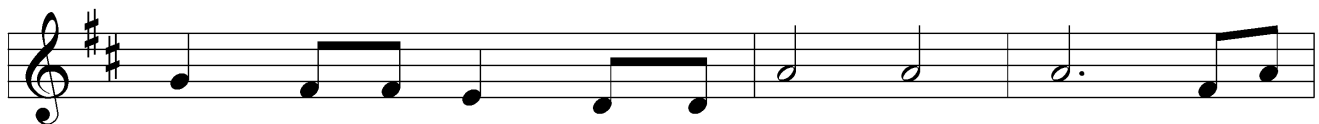
Alleluia. Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15)



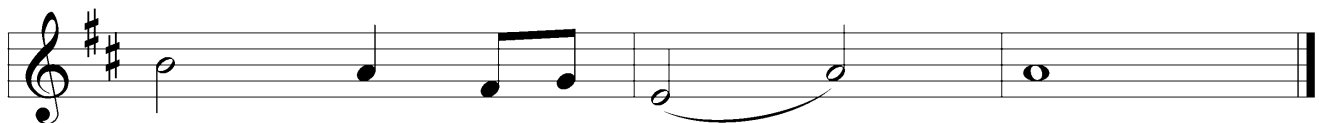
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Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



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

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:1-12 (EHV)

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Future glory and eternal blessings are coming, a gift from God to all his saints.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here;
 3 O - bless - ed saints, now take your rest;



Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;
 But now, how glo - rious they ap - pear!
 A thou - sand times you will be blessed



With palms they stand. Who is this band
 Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band,
 For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death



Be - fore the throne of light?
 God's throne for - ev - er near.
 And scorn - ing world - ly trust.



These are the saints of glo - rious fame,
 So oft in trou - bled days gone by,
 For now you live at home with God;



Who from the great af - flic - tion came
 In an - guish they would weep and sigh;
 You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad.



And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 At home a - bove The God of love
 Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
 For - e'er their tears shall dry.
 Be - fore the throne of God.

Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise.
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest;
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng!

Their an - thems swell Where God does dwell
 The Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board
 Lift up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice

Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 Him - self is host and guest.
 In our Re - deem - er's song.

SERMON TEXT & THEME

Revelation 7:9–17... Our Saviour's home is a place

- 1) Where countless souls praise him for his salvation.
- 2) Where He will comfort us with his eternal presence.

NICENE CREED –

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.

C: **We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.**

M: We remember our fellow brother in Christ, whose soul you have brought home to yourself this past year, who is now at rest in your heavenly kingdom.

Carl Noffke (April 19, 2023)

Majorie Pfothenauer (October 18, 2023)

M: We thank you for bringing him to faith, protecting him throughout his earthly life and delivering him to your side in glory.

C: **Continue to comfort his families, and all families who lost loved ones this past year. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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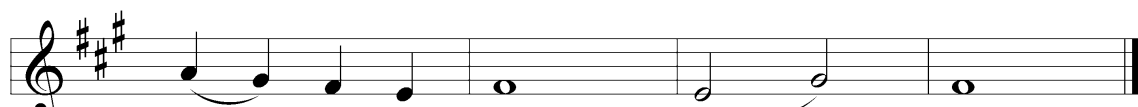
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you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

SONG OF SIMEON

1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

THANKSGIVING

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I
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 song of them that feast; And they who with their
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -
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 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
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 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Announcements

Christmas Parade Prep

We could use your help preparing our living nativity float for the Christmas parade. Here are some dates to keep in mind if you are willing to help.

November 12 – Float assembly

November 18 – Float decorating

November 19 – Volunteers to arrive around 4-4:30 pm,

The Parade starts at 5:30pm

Church Cleaners:

November 12 – Simon // November 19 - Matthew

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (5) **9:00 am** **Sunday School and Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship & Communion**
11:30 am Coffee Hour
3:00 pm **Worship and Communion in Poltimore**

Pastor will be at the WELS-Canada AGM in Edmonton from November 6 – 9th

Fr (10) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Su (12) **9:00 am** **Sunday School and Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship & Communion**
11:30 am Coffee Hour
12:00 pm Divine Sisters Meeting (Elections)
Afternoon Christmas Float assembly

We (15) 6:30 pm "Test the Spirits" Bible Information Class.

Th (16) 6:00 pm Illuminé (at St. Paul's)
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (17) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)
6:30 pm Friday Fellowship

Sa (18) 3:00 pm Christmas Float Decoration

Su (19) **9:00 am** **Sunday School and Bible Class**
10:30 am **Worship & Communion**
11:30 am Coffee Hour
3:00 pm **Worship and Communion in Poltimore**
4:00 pm Christmas Parade Volunteers meet.
5:30 pm Christmas Parade



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