

# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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### THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 6, 2022



**TODAY WE OBSERVE THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** The Feast of All Saints actually falls on November 1 but in the Church's practice it is customary to move it to a nearby Sunday. Today we rejoice in the victory that Christ has won for all people and which He has given to those who have lived and died in Him. God has called them forth from this vale of tears to the eternal blessedness of His glorious presence, and for them the time of waiting is over.

But for those of us who remain on earth the waiting continues. As we wait we do so with great expectancy because we know that the victory which the Saints who have gone before us now enjoy in perfection is a victory in which the Saints on earth also share. While ours is still by faith and theirs is by sight, one day we will join with them in glory, around the throne of God, to worship the Lamb in His kingdom. Thus each week in the Communion Liturgy we confess,

**With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

This Feast Day, like other festivals, gives the Church the opportunity to do what the Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions remind us is good and proper, that is, to remember God's gracious working in and through various persons to accomplish His saving work. The Lutheran Confessions speak in the following way concerning the saints:

**"It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling."**

While we on this day remember all who have died in Christ, in particular we remember those from our congregations who died during this past Church Year. We are thankful for the time God granted us together and we are thankful for the good they did and the example they left us. The Rite for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is included on the Insert in your bulletin. This Rite will incorporate the Prayer of the Church and will take place immediately after the Offertory.

#### ***THOSE SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE THIS WEEK***

**Elder:** Matt Kenitzer **Elder Assistant:** Stephen Hoffman **Organist:** Roxann List  
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**Tellers:** Chris Fink, James Mishler **Shut-Ins:** Rebecca Barber

# I. SERVICE OF THE WORD

On this Festival of All Saints Day, the Service begins with a Procession.

After the Bell rings, please rise to face the Processional Crucifix and the singing of the Processional Hymn.

Stand

## Processional Hymn

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” LSB #670

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -

ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia,  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia,

“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 “Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the

pow’rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels’  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in

choirs: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Lord: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!”

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## The Introit



Cantor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

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

**Cong: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\***

**in Your righteousness de- | liver me.**

**For You are my rock and my | fortress;\***

**and for Your name’s sake You lead me and | guide me.**

**Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;\***

**You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.**

Cantor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

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

(Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; 7-8; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b)

## Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.

*II Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## The Collect of the Day

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living 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** A - men.

*Be seated*

## The Old Testament

Revelation 7:2-7

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

“Around The Throne They Stand”

Daniel Preus

Jon D. Vieker



Choir: 1 A - round the throne they stand, The  
Cong: 2 A - round the throne of God Ten  
Cong: 3 A - round the font of grace Are  
Choir: 4 A - round the bread and cup God's  
Cong: 5 A - round the throne of God The



pa - tri - archs, the proph-ets, mar - tyrs all. They  
thou - sand times ten thou-sand tongues do sing. They  
chil - dren. God to them new life does give. Here  
peo - ple gath - er time and time a - gain. All  
saints a - bove and we on earth now stand, And



bow be - fore the Lamb, They see His face and  
sing of God's great grace. They laud a ris - en  
faith in Christ is born, That those thus born may  
sin and guilt here drown. His of - f'ring can-celed  
all God's chil - dren here And those a - bove who



at His feet they fall. The saints and an - gels  
Sav - ior who did bring Sal - va - tion from all  
now and ev - er live. God's faith - ful ser - vant  
all that could con - demn. The bod - y and the  
sing at His right hand, Di - vid - ed by the



join, Their nev - er - end - ing chant with palms they  
sin, Whose life and death through death to life them  
speaks. Up - on their heads God's Word of life is  
blood Of Christ, the Son of God, they all par -  
veil Of death, see death's dark veil now torn a -

raise. They rise to sing their song, A  
 drew. To God and to the Lamb Their  
 poured. This gra-cious flood be - stows For -  
 take, And now the Fa - ther hears All  
 way And sing in com - mon voice To

ho - ly crowd pre - pared for end-less praise.  
 voic - es shout sal - va - tion's sto - ry true.  
 give - ness, life, sal - va - tion from the Lord.  
 prayers His chil - dren bring, for Je - sus' sake.  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it end-less - ly.

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### The Epistle

John 3:1-3

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### The Alleluia/Verse

☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of | witnesses, \*  
 let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter | of our faith.

*Hebrews 12:1*

☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☐ Praise be to Thee, 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

*Be Seated*

**The Hymn of The Day**

*“By All Your Saints In Warfare” LSB #517*

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, And  
 Δ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 all the no - ble thron'g Who wear the spot - less  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 rai - ment And raise the cease - less song— For  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 these, passed on be - fore us, We of - fer prais - es  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 due And, walk - ing in their foot - steps,  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 Would live our lives for You.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

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**The Sermon**

*Following the Sermon, please rise to sing the Offertory*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

P: "I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!" "Yes," says the Spirit, "let them rest from their labors, for what they have done accompanies them." *Rev. 14:13*

**A Reading from I Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Brothers, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who have fallen asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not take precedence over those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us and who have died in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism and nourished them with His body and blood in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy He has summoned their souls into His glorious presence where they await the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

*The Pastor will read the names of those members of the congregations who have been called into their eternal rest since the last observance of All Saints' Day.*

**OUR REDEEMER**

✠ Lonna Ranae Christensen ✠  
July 3, 1953 - November 14, 2021  
Baptized: August 2, 1953

✠ Tyrone Ronald Sash ✠  
July 3, 1941 – March 25, 2022  
Baptized: August 10, 1941

✠ Vern Adolph Sabin ✠  
April 17, 1925 - August 26, 2022  
Baptized: May 10, 1925

✠ Tom Joe Miller ✠  
July 22, 1959 - December 4, 2021  
Baptized: August 16, 1959

✠ Beryl Grace Waack ✠  
May 23, 1928 - July 11, 2022  
Baptized: January 19, 1930

✠ Verla Jean Sabin ✠  
August 9, 1932 - October 13, 2022  
Baptized: September 11, 1932

## PEACE

✠ John Henrick Neuhaus ✠

Born: June 30, 1928 - January 14, 2022

Baptized: September 2, 1928

*A brief time of silence will be observed to recall all others who have died in Christ and who likewise now enjoy the glorious presence of Christ, our Lord.*

P: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

C: Amen.

### The Hymn of Commemoration

*"Oh, How Blest Are They" LSB #679*



1 Oh, how blest are they whose toils are end - ed, Who through  
2 We are still as in a dun-geon liv - ing, Still op -  
3 They mean - while are in their cham-bers sleep - ing, Qui - et  
4 Christ has wiped a - way their tears for - ev - er; They have  
5 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us; Lead us



death have un - to God as - cend - ed! They have a - ris - en  
pressed with sor - row and mis - giv - ing; Our un - der - tak - ings  
and set free from all their weep - ing; No cross or sad - ness  
that for which we still en - deav - or. By them are chant - ed  
forth and cast this world be - hind us. With You, the A - noint - ed,



From the cares which keep us still in pris - on.  
Are but toils and trou - bles and heart - break - ings.  
There can hin - der their un - trou - bled glad - ness.  
Songs that ne'er to mor - tal ears were grant - ed.  
Finds the soul its joy and rest ap - point - ed.

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### The Prayers

*Various Petitions will be prayed. Each will conclude with the response:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers will conclude:*

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



### III. THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### OUR REDEEMER PRACTICES CLOSED COMMUNION

If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of Our Redeemer or a sister congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Knox, Pastor Saunders, or Vicar Goodroad about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation.

#### Prayer Before Communing

*"Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

#### The Preface

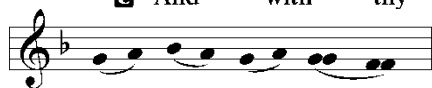


**P** The Lord be with you.

*II Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

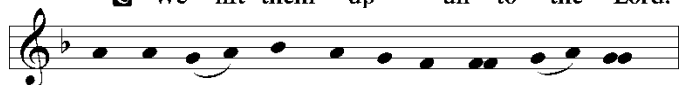


**P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



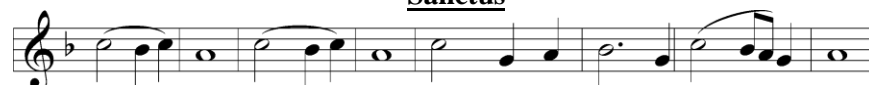
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### The Proper Preface

**P:** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven, . . .

*Matthew 6:9-13*



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Consecration

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed . . .

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24*

*Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## The Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## The Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



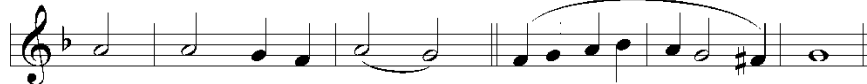
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution Hymn

*"Behold A Host, Arrayed In White" LSB #676*



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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**Distribution Hymn**

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

*Choir*

**Distribution Hymn**

*"Jerusalem The Golden" LSB #672*

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,  
 Δ 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.

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***Stand/Remain Standing***

**The Dismissal**

P: The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in (✠) peace.

C: Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post Communion Collect

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

II Timothy 4:22

## Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

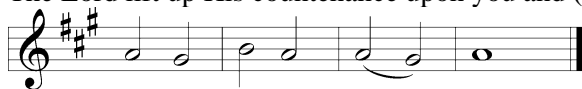


**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (✕) give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Recessional Hymn

"For All The Saints" LSB #677



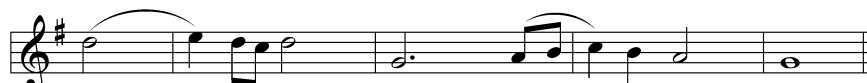
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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!

5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8. 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!

**✠ OUR WEEK TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST ✠**

**Wed. 11/9** 10:00 a.m. Our Redeemer Book Club (“Handling the Word of Truth”)  
 11:00 a.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)  
 5:25 p.m. Choir  
 6:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Class (Weekly Readings)  
**Thur. 11/10** 4:00 p.m. Midweek Youth Catechesis  
**Sat. 11/12** 6:00 p.m. Bible Class at Peace - Shell Rock  
 7:00 p.m. Divine Service at Peace - Shell Rock  
**Sun. 11/13** 9:00 a.m. Divine Service at Our Redeemer  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

**Readings and Hymns for Sunday November 13, 2022**

Readings: Malachi 4:1-6; II Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21:5-36

Psalmody: *Psalm 98*(*Antiphon v. 2*)

Invocation: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers..... 515

Hymn of the Day: Wide Open Stand the Gates ..... 639

Distribution: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near ..... 508

Distribution: Lord Of Our Life..... 659

Distribution: The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us ..... 514

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

**THE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** meets each Sunday from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. We are currently studying the topic of Love.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held each week following the Divine Service. The children will be dismissed before announcements and will meet in the Music Room/Chapel at 10:30 for an opening with Vicar and a time of music with Olivia Goodroad. Sunday School and Bible Class will end each week at 11:15.

**WEEKLY READINGS/HYMNS STUDY** This class meets on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to study the weekly readings, hymns, and propers for the upcoming Sunday. It is a way to prepare for the coming week’s Divine Service

**THE VICAR’S BIBLE STUDY** This class meets at Our Redeemer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and at Peace in Shell Rock on the Tuesday of that same week at 6:00 p.m. The class is studying the words of hymns and the Scriptural texts which underlie these hymns. The class meets again in November on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** The Jr. High/Sr. High Youth meet for Bible Study with Vicar Goodroad on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. The youth of our congregation will study the Scriptures together as God leads them into lives of godliness and holiness. They will have the opportunity to discuss various topics and ask questions of Vicar. The class meets again in November on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Altar Flowers are given in memory of Ardith Heins, wife of Wayne Heins. *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.”* 1 John 4:7

**THE LATEST REPORTER AND LUTHERAN WITNESS** are available following the Service.

**REGULAR VOTERS’ MEETING** The Congregation will hold a Regular Voters’ Meeting on Sunday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m. Normal matters of business will be taken care of including receiving reports from Officers and Boards, Election of Officers, and establishing the Budget for 2023. We will also be nominating candidates for the Office of Synodical President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and Regional Vice-President. Any member of the congregation may bring matters before the Voters. Please speak with Chairman Mishler to add items to the Agenda.

**THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP** recently handed out a Time/Talent survey today in the Narthex. Copies were also mailed to many members. Please return these as soon as possible We want to update our records and match people’s skills and abilities to needs and opportunities to serve God and one another. If we missed you, please pick one up, fill it out, and place it in the box in the Narthex or Parish Hall.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** At the November 20, 2022, Voter’s meeting, we will be electing Officers of the congregation for 2023. If you are willing and interested in serving as an Officer next year, please contact Rod Lair. (319/243-0702)

**THE OUR REDEEMER BOOK CLUB** begins a new book, “Strange New World,” by Carl R. Trueman on Wednesday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m. This book will perhaps make readers uncomfortable as we are confronted with the current era of “expressive individualism,” especially in terms of personhood, self, and morality. To quote the last chapter of the book: “The era when Christians could disagree with the broader convictions of the secular world and yet still find themselves respected as decent members of society at large is coming to an end, if indeed it has not ended already.” Please join us Wednesday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall in reading and discussing “Strange New World.” For further information, please contact Sara Lair (319) 266-1163 or Greg Gerjerts (319) 961-1103.

**UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY** It has been since 2019 when we last updated the Congregational Photo Directory. If you would please review the copy in the Narthex or Parish Hall for accurate information, please do so today. You may also update your photo. Tammy will be taking photos for the next several weeks in the lower level of the Education Wing.

**ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET** – The reprinted 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklets are available after the Service this morning. If you still have the original booklet please return it to the Church Office so that it may be reprinted with the updated/corrected information.

- Additional correction – Kelly and Becca Barber became members in December of 2016.

**Sunday October 30, 2022**  
**Attendance: 79 Communion: 70**

### ***HYMN NOTES***

*A brief note about one of the hymns you will sing in church today.*

#### **“Oh, How Blest Are They Whose Toils Are Ended” – LSB #679**

This hymn is different than most of the others in the “Church Triumphant” section of our hymnal. (LSB 670-680) While hymns like “For All The Saints” or “Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones” include majestic and triumphant praise and thanksgiving to God, this hymn is a bit more peaceful and reflective. There is a place for both in the Church’s song.

Simon Dach, Lutheran pastor and professor, wrote mostly secular poetry in his early life. It was after the death of a close friend, Robert Roberthin, that Dach turned his attention to writing Christian hymns and poetry. Most of his adult life was lived during the horrors of the 30 Years’ War and during his ministry he buried hundreds of people because of plagues. Many of his hymns dealt with trial and tribulation, and so Dach became known as the “Singer of Death.” This doesn’t diminish the significance of his hymns. Rising from his own personal experiences of hardship and poverty, his hymns and poetry confess both the realities of sin, death, and the grave while also faithfully confessing salvation, the certainty of the resurrection, and the glory of eternal life. Dach is credited with more than 150 hymns, two of which are included in LSB. The other familiar hymn we sing is “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit.” (LSB 746)

Dach wrote this hymn on the occasion of the funeral of Hiob Lepner, the mayor of Königsberg Altstadt, where Dach was serving as professor at the University.

The hymn distinguishes two groups of saints: *“those whose toils are ended”* and those *“still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving.”* The first group *“are in their chambers sleeping.”* Though they are *“set free from all their weeping”* and enjoy *“untroubled gladness”* they still await the bodily resurrection from the grave. The second group, the ones who sing this hymn, are still *“oppressed with sorrow and misgiving.”* We also must deal with the affects of the Fall, acknowledging that *“our undertakings are but toils and troubles and heartbreakings.”*

It is comforting to know how blest are our loved ones who have gone before us but it is worth noting that Dach does not extol seeing our loved ones again. Rather, the hymn’s final two verses describe the blessedness of being in the presence of Christ and concludes with a prayer that Christ would come and *“lead us forth and cast this world behind us.”* Together then in eternity, all the Saints will, *“with You, the Anointed”* find *“joy and rest appointed.”*