



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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## As We Gather

You are not alone—never have been and never will be! In His faithfulness to you, your Heavenly Father will *never* leave you nor forsake you! As we gather in His name on this All Saints' Sunday, God fills us all with His presence through His Word and through the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Our fellowship with Him also unites us with all believers of every time and place. That's what each of us confesses when we say "*I believe in the communion of saints.*" You are not alone! You are a member of the Body of Christ! You belong to a community that is eternally blessed by Jesus and lives to confess His name before the world!

### Prelude

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

F. Hark

### Opening Hymn

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

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| 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs<br>With angels round the throne;<br>Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,<br>But all their joys are one. | 3 Jesus is worthy to receive<br>Honor and pow'r divine;<br>And blessings more than we can give<br>Be, Lord, forever Thine. |
| 2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,<br>"To be exalted thus!"<br>"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,<br>"For He was slain for us!"              | 4 Let all creation join in one<br>To bless the sacred name<br>Of Him who sits upon the throne<br>And to adore the Lamb.    |

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.
- C** **We remember those we love who, by Your grace, are with You now.**
- P** We remember how in this life You embraced them, showed them Your love, and filled them with faith.
- C** **We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.**
- P** We rejoice in the resurrection life for all who believe that is promised in and through Jesus.
- C** **We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.**
- P** We rejoice that You are God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who will never leave us nor forsake us.
- C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*1 John 3:1*

- P** In Holy Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Now in His grace, he invites us to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.
- C** **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**
- P** Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

Child of God, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism in Christ!**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

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

**P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**C in your righteousness deliver me.**

**P** For you are my rock and my fortress;

**C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

**P** Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**C you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the ✠ Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

**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.**

### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...

Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith. You showed them grace, and in their lives You have given us examples of the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we may also bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

✠ A Great Multitude from Every Nation ✠

*Revelation 7:9-17*

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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

✠ Children of God ✠

1 John 3:1-3

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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

#932

1 Jesus sat with His disciples  
On a mountainside one day;  
As the crowds of people gathered,  
He began to teach and say:  
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit,  
Heaven's kingdom they will share.  
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,  
Joy and comfort will be theirs.

2 “Blessèd are the meek and humble,  
All the earth to them is willed.  
Those who hunger to be holy,  
They are bless'd and will be filled.

Yes, the merciful are blessèd,  
Mercy will to them be shown.  
And the pure in heart are blessèd,  
They have eyes for God alone.

3 “Blessèd are God's sons and daughters,  
Making peace where there is strife.  
Blessèd are the persecuted,  
Who for righteousness lose life;  
Their reward is great in heaven,  
In the kingdom up above—  
So be glad to share My suff'ring  
And rejoice to know My love.”

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## Holy Gospel

✠ The Beatitudes ✠

Matthew 5:1-12

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

**C** 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.

# ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

The Third Article

**P** The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed outlines the work of the Holy Spirit and presents the ways in which the Spirit commends the love of God to us and for us and in us in this world and in the one that is to come. We say together,

**C** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true!**

## Sermon Hymn

“For All the Saints”

#677 sts. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and  
their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought  
fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true  
light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

△ 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!

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## Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

### Stand

### Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

**P** God tells us in His Word, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” (Psalm 116:15). On this All-Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory.

During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been greatly impacted by the death of loved ones, but we don't grieve as those who have no hope. No, *we grieve in hope*, we *pray with confidence*, and we *live with certainty* that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence, and we rejoice that one day we will join them there.

**P** We give thanks to God for these His Saints:

**Ronald Hickey**  
**Beverly Fishbaugh**  
**Lois Kaminske**  
**Lenore Curran**  
**Marge Rochlitz**  
**Joann Wilke**  
**Arthur Hornburg, Jr.**  
**Mary Ann Krieg**

**Patricia Murdoch**  
**Evelyn Leise**  
**Stanley Wirtschoreck**  
*We also remember these friends of St Paul:*  
**Drema Gail Raschka**  
**Edward Kahmark**  
**Elinor Hamang**  
**Diane Burge**

... *and all others who are dear to our hearts* who have entered into everlasting rest with our Lord Jesus.

**P** Let us pray together,

**C** Merciful Father, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**Offering**—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at [www.stpauloaklawn.org](http://www.stpauloaklawn.org). For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

## Offertory Meditation

# ✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

## The Words of Our Lord

## Proclamation of Christ

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

**C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**P** O Lord God, heavenly Father...  
...So we pray together in His name and as He has taught us...

**C** **Our Father, who art in Heaven...**

### **Pax Domini**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

### **Hymn**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#507

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around  
the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before  
Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide  
Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may  
not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth  
and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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### **Hymn**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#725

1 Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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*tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958*

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### **Hymn**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

#940

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,

First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

△ 5 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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### Communion Blessing

#### Closing Prayer

#### Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Closing Hymn

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

#680 sts. 1-4; 4-5

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up  
lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss  
lifted high.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at  
Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only  
Thee only Thee.

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#### Postlude

Selection from his “Keyboard Works”

H. Purcell





### **Announcements & Notes:**

**Our Sunday morning Bible Study** has begun an excellent video-based study on Martin Luther produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Please join us in the St Timothy room.

**Ladies Living for Christ Guild** will sell Christmas Cards beginning next Sunday and every Sunday through December 10<sup>th</sup> in the narthex.

**Operation Barnabas will be packing Care Packages** this Tuesday at 10:30. If you have a little free time they'd appreciate your help.

**Thursday Evening Bible Study** is on break until December 14<sup>th</sup> when Curtis will host a Christmas special Bible study at **7pm**. All local LCMS churches have been invited to join St. Paul for fellowship and this episode from *The Chosen* series. All are invited!

**Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service** is November 22 at 7pm. Thankoffering donations of non-perishable food items will be received during the service. Our Faith in Action team will distribute these gifts to families in need when they come to our Pantry. There is NO Thanksgiving Day service.

**Faith in Action's Food Pantry** reminds us that Thanksgiving is almost here! If you'd like to help with donations to the pantry, there's a flyer on the table in the narthex and on the counters that details what they need to prepare for Thanksgiving bags for families in need.

**To Benefit Operation Blessing of Southwest Chicagoland**, an Annual Pancake Brunch will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 West 127<sup>th</sup> Street in Palos Heights. Suggested donation: \$10.00 per person or \$25 per family.

**Worth Township** is collecting NEW toys and clothing for children ages newborn through 14 years old for their Christmas Care Program until **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. A box for your donations will be out in the narthex on Sunday mornings. For more information, call (708) 972-7835 or email:

[youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com).

**Wednesday Evening Communion Services** are held in the Sanctuary beginning at 6pm.

**Remembering our homebound friends** is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Joan Miller, 9755 S. 89<sup>th</sup> Avenue, #1N, Palos Hills, IL 60465.

**Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family**

Dave Kandel  
George Oberg  
Rev. George Mrochen  
Rich & Jan Przybycien  
Rev. Paul and Judy Anderson  
Sue & Bill Volk  
Arthur Gerth  
Ingrid Lesko  
Jan Briede  
Roy Hodgeman  
Katherine Hice  
Kurt Seehofer  
Flora Jones  
Graham Jackson  
Kevin Hickey  
Gloria Meyer  
Elaine Lebron  
Melva Smith  
Delores Stegemann  
Carol Small  
Mike Degidio  
Norma Silinski  
Beverly Sellers  
Betty Beegle  
Warren Miller  
Delphine Cherry  
Ron Klingensmith  
Louis Frank  
Betty Kruckow  
Herta Iversen  
Loretta Frank

George Dodaro, Sr.  
Barbara Prendergast  
Nancy Bundley  
Rosa Richardson  
Carl Hoppe

**Please pray for these friends and family of our members:**

Roberta & Carlos Owens  
Roy Strassner  
Dorothy Kroll  
Emily Feehan  
LeRoy Bitner  
Georgiana Easton  
Jackie Plichta  
Patricia Paulsen  
Ken Kruckow  
Janet Trierweiler  
Vicki Warren  
Rhonda Scott  
Michelle Mitchell  
Al Silinski  
Pam Palhegyi  
Carol Milazzo  
Rich Huscher  
The Lamberth Family  
Jerry Gross  
Louise Hrynkow  
Gloria Folsom  
Mary Beth Pasqua  
Shirley Fairchild  
Simeon Hoppe  
Ron Lunt  
Christopher Kosary  
Sandy Plath

Iris McCoy  
Shirley Demyres  
Raquel Rameriz  
Nick & Bridget DeAngelo  
Henry Bonder  
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.  
Kyle Hughes  
Elaine Hoffstetter  
Fred Raddatz  
Allyson Seehofer  
Selma Carmichael  
Bernadette & Rich Trusk  
Dana Kahn  
Donald Hakanson  
Guillermo Ramirez  
Paul Noffke  
Vern Howe  
Shawn Harland  
Ann Herold  
Barb Potter  
Wayne Volk  
Lance Barrientos  
Linda Shuman  
Doris Potts  
Doreen Holford  
Judy Collins  
Luke Pajowski  
Phyllis Hicks  
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.  
Monica Iversen  
Cathy Becker  
Ken Matz  
Jean & Al Zirbel  
Carol Loecherbach  
Charley Heitz

Sophia Salus  
Justin & Ashley Fasel  
Frank Coglina  
Gene Wawrzynkowski  
Kimberly Rooney  
Helena Hoffman  
Evelyn & Ron Konieski  
Audrey Metes  
Richard DeSaga  
Ken Went  
Margaret Lundgreen  
Julie King  
Sharon Bryant  
Anika Seger  
Monica Kato  
Herb Kleeman  
Debra Kleeman  
Sarah Skelton  
Barbara Apt  
Bob & Gloria Freeman  
Carrie Aspan  
Lisa Anglin  
Devon Apt  
Tristan Ferry  
LaNell Mauler Koenig  
Todd, Sofia & Grace Lylum  
Hillary Pittelko  
Marge Schmidt  
Sue Berg  
Carol Jean McPhillips  
Donna Santi

***For those celebrating birthdays:***

*For Ruth Diver celebrating a birthday on 11/6*

*For GianCarlo Signorelli celebrating a birthday on 11/7*

*For Cheryl Horan celebrating a birthday on 11/8*

**Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over.  
(708) 423-1040**

*“I believe in the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints ...” The fellowship of believers in Christ transcends all time and space. The Living church of the risen Lord Jesus is composed of all believers - past, present, and future. The following are the people of our St. Paul family who have, since last All Saints’ Day, joined the Church Triumphant, and who, together with us in the Church Militant, continue to praise the God who saved us.*

*Ronald J. Hickey ~ December 1, 2022  
Beverly Fishbaugh ~ December 3, 2022  
Lois Kaminske ~ December 15, 2022  
Lenore Curran ~ January 22, 2023  
Marge Rochlitz ~ February 1, 2023  
Joann Wilke ~ February 23, 2023  
Arthur Hornburg, Jr. ~ April 1, 2023  
Mary Ann Krieg (Wilke) ~ April 10, 2023  
Patricia Murdoch ~ September 17, 2023  
Evelyn Leise ~ September 23, 2023  
Stanley Wirtschoreck ~ October 22, 2023*

*Special friends of our St. Paul family:  
Drema Gail Raschka ~ December 17, 2022  
Edward Kahmark ~ December 21, 2022  
Elinor Hamang ~ March 3, 2023  
Diane Burge ~ February 12, 2023*

*“Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from hence forth ... they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)*