



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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## As We Gather

The saints remind us that because we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and brought into the fellowship of all the saints through Baptism, we are never alone in our faith. We live this new life by faith now, but one day we will see our Lord face-to-face and know Him as we are known *by Him*. So when we feel lonely or afraid, the company of the saints encourages us, and their devotion to the Lord inspires us to endure to the end, confident in the truth that we have been saved by God's grace through faith. Whether known well or known only to God, His people are never alone!

### 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C** His praise in the assembly of the godly!

**P** Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

**C** let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In today's Epistle reading, St. John writes, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." Yet, we do not live as if we are children of God.

*We pause in silence to remember and confess our sins before Almighty God...*

**P** We confess our sins together.

**C** Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name; the name we bear as Your baptized children. You're love for us is boundless, but our love for You and for our neighbor is often lacking. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** “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” (1 John 3:2–3). 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.

## † 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.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving kindness shown to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life. Having been so richly loved by You, enable us by Your Spirit to go and do likewise, loving our neighbor as ourselves; 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.**

**Anthem of Praise Solo**

“God Loves Me Dearly”

*LSB #392*

**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.**

**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 Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living  
and the dead. 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.**

## Sermon Hymn

“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.
- 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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## Sermon

### ✠ Prayers of the Church ✠

#### Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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

*Jeanette Reichard*

*Helen Bonder*

*Laverne Abraham*

*Constance Braun*

*Gloria Crook*

*Rose Marie Woods*

*Dorothy Case*

*George Lilja*

*George Haak*

*Susan Washburn*

*Delores Arnold*

*Anne Kelsch*

... 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...

### The Lord's Prayer

- 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 ✠

### Piano Selection

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

P. Bouman

### Hymn

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

#563

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| 1 | Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness<br>My beauty are, my glorious dress;<br>Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,<br>With joy shall I lift up my head.          | 4 | Lord, I believe, were sinners more<br>Than sands upon the ocean shore,<br>Thou hast for all a ransom paid,<br>For all a full atonement made.     |
| 2 | Bold shall I stand in that great day,<br>Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;<br>Fully absolved through these I am<br>From sin and fear, from guilt and shame. | 5 | When from the dust of death I rise<br>To claim my mansion in the skies,<br>This then shall be my only plea:<br>Jesus hath lived and died for me. |
| 3 | Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,<br>Which at the mercy seat of God<br>Pleads for the captives' liberty,<br>Was also shed in love for me.                      | 6 | Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,<br>Whose boundless mercy hath for me,<br>For me, and all Thy hands have made,<br>An everlasting ransom paid.   |

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## Hymn

“Children of the Heaven 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;
- 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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## Communion Blessing

- P** The true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

## Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts, that we may never forget Your blessings, but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

#677 sts. 1-2 &amp; 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!
- 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!

- △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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**Postlude**

"For All the Saints"

Reprise



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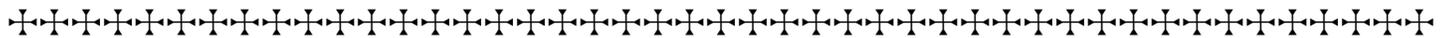
**Vocalist:** Julia Volk

**Lector:** Sunday: Louis Frank; Wednesday: Rev. George Mrochen

**Altar Care:** Sunday: Denise Murray; Wednesday: Sandy Barry

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### ***Announcements & Notes:***

**The Southwest Lutheran Chorus rehearsals** are at 7pm on Monday evenings in the Timothy Room. They're preparing for a Christmas song festival to be held in December. If you enjoy singing (any voice part), you are invited to join them!

**The Chosen Bible study** continues on Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Timothy Room – just enter through the Timothy room door on the north side of the building.

***Bereavement Help:*** OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center offers support and guidance to bereaved families on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. **Registration is required.** Call the Bereavement Coordinator at OSF at (708) 229-4299.

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

Bob & Sue Marcinkowski	Graham Jackson
Patricia Murdoch	The Polezoes Family
Cathy Gleason	Beverly Fishbaugh
Dawn McNicholas	Flora Jones
Janice Przybycien	Kevin Hickey
Mary Ann Colander	Art Hornburg
Melva Smith	Lois Kaminske
Carol Small	Mike Degidio
Norma Silinski	Beverly Sellers
Lenore Curran	Betty Beegle
Delphine Cherry	Ron Klingensmith
Louis Frank	Betty Kruckow
Herta Iversen	Loretta Frank
The Giacobbe Children	Marge Rochlitz
Ron Hickey	Julie & Larry Gurga
Ingrid Lesko	Katherine Hice
Gloria Meyer	Jan Briede
Delores Stegemann	Warren Miller
Kurt Seehofer	Linda Kosary

***We pray for those who grieve***

*For Cynthia Devivo, Cathy Kumke, and all the family and friends of their step-brother Steve Diaz, called from this life on Sunday, Oct. 30. Also, for the friends and family of Janice Hernandez, for whom we've been praying for some time, and for the family of infant Peyton Bryce, also now with our Lord.*

***We pray for those celebrating birthdays:***

*Ruth Diver, 11/6; Gian Signorelli 11/7; Cheryl Horan 11/8;*

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

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

Andrew Mrochen	Vern Howe
Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Barb & Emily Feehan	Mark Fishbaugh
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
Ken Kruckow	Janet Trierweiler
Alan Hecke	Vicki Warren
Matt Favero	Sandra Wilson
Michelle Mitchell	Al Silinski
Pam Palhegyi	Carol Milazzo
Rich Huscher	The Lamberth Family
Jerry Gross	Brenda Gurgel
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	Sue Sortino
Pam Brown	Lisa Sanders
Shawn Harland	Ann Herold
Barb Potter	Wayne Volk
Charley Heitz	Sharon Bryant
Doris Potts	Robert Gonzalez
Doreen Holford	Judy Collins
Phyllis Hicks	Julie Rottier
Maryann Krieg (Wilke)	Pam Kirk
Jimmy Kennedy, Jr.	Monica Iversen
Cathy Becker	Ken Matz
Jean & Al Zirbel	Heather & Josh Turro
Pastor Mark Willig	Carol Loecherbach
Paul Moeller	Carl Hoppe
Debbie Guarascio	Sophia Salus
Justin & Ashley Fasel	Frank Cogliase
Nora Maculitis	Gene Wawrzynikowski
Kimberly Rooney	Rhonda Scott
Helena Hoffman	Kim Koenig