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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

AS WE GATHER

There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His body and blood.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high.

"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.

Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:

All might and majesty are Thine And endless praise! *LSB 798:9*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESERVICE – Special Music by Jubellation

Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.
- C** **We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**
- P** Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting God, You deigned to call all people who trust in Your Son for salvation Your own children.
- C** **Strengthen our faith so that we pass through each day confident that the hope You have given us shall not fail, and we shall see You face-to-face in eternity;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – Special Music by Jubellation

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-17

(Saints around God's throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵“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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

(We are already God’s children.)

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALL SAINTS' REFLECTION

P Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

C **Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Alleluia.**

(Hebrews 12:1–2a)

P Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

C **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.**

(Hebrews 10:23–25a)

P Today, as we celebrate **All Saints' Day**, we are given three reasons for honoring the saints in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession. **First**, as we remember the saints, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church.

Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. And **also**, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life.

Part of the life of the Church as a community of memory is remembering specific people of God on certain days. Among those we recognize in November are **Martin of Tours, Elizabeth of Hungary, and Clement of Rome.**

Martin of Tours lived in the fourth century in the area we know today as the nation of France. At one time an officer in the Roman army, he left the military to follow his calling as a servant of Christ. He helped establish many churches and abbeys throughout the Roman province of Gaul and was named bishop of the city of Tours. Martin Luther was named for St. Martin of Tours.

St. Elizabeth was born as a princess in Hungary early in the fourteenth century. Given in marriage to a German nobleman at a young age, she moved to the Wartburg Castle near the town of Eisenach—a place that centuries later would be a temporary home to Martin Luther. Elizabeth was known for her deeds of Christian charity and became so well-loved that within five years of her death at the young age of 24, she had been officially added to the calendar of saints with a commemoration in the month of November.

Clement of Rome lived in the first century and personally knew some of the apostles and other disciples of Jesus. One tradition suggests that he was baptized by St. Peter. As the Church grew in its earliest years, Clement took a role of leadership, writing epistles to some of the congregations that had been established around the Roman Empire. To the church at Corinth he wrote, “Let us note what is good, what is pleasing and acceptable to Him who made us. Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ, and let us realize how precious it is to His Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world.” The devotion and wisdom and works of saints of times past continue to inform and inspire us. Clement is officially commemorated on November 23rd.

Stand

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” 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 impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. 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. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

Names of congregational members and family members who have died in Christ during the past year may be mentioned here. A single bell may toll after each name is read.

Heidi Hendrickson
Janice Hill
Melvadean Richardson
Leonard Parker
Phyllis Weyerts
Lylah McCosh

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

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes

C and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(Revelation 7:14b)

P Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

(Psalm 84:5)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus' followers are blessed now because of His sure promises.)

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

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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.

G **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. **Offering plates** are available in the narthex as you exit.
2. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
3. Give through our **website**:
<https://stlukesmanhattan.org/about-us/financial-support/>
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us – His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For ourselves and all who with hope are realizing new beginnings—with new schools to attend, new loves to celebrate, new job opportunities to explore, and new positions in government to assume—that our Lord Jesus would give them joy in their endeavors. Lord, in your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P For ourselves and all those who are eagerly returning to their daily circumstances—raising crops and tending herds, transporting goods and offering services, designing products and expanding understanding, defending borders and securing justice, teaching and learning—that the Holy Spirit would give them strength and guidance to serve their neighbors in love and to do God’s will. Lord, in your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P For ourselves and all who in kindness care for one another—offering hospitality to the homeless, healing to the sick, counsel to the sorrowful, and support for the forgotten—that God would increase their love to provide home, health, consolation, and community; and for those near and dear to us who call to Him in hopeful prayer, [*including . . .*], that our gracious Lord would meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P For ourselves and all who find they need gentle relief—vacations from demanding agendas and constructive criticism, retirement from career goals and job expectations, and personal time to listen to God’s gracious Word and to be aware of His constant presence—that our heavenly Father would grant them peace and renew their hope until faith gives way to sight. Lord, in your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Sit

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him will receive the body and blood of Christ first. They will then distribute the elements to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

During the COVID-19 regulations, continuous communion will be practiced. Please maintain Social Distancing while waiting in line to receive communion.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Come Holy Spirit” Colossians 1:9-12

1, 2, 3 Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me
Fill me with Your power, satisfy my needs
Only You can make me whole, give me strength to make me grow
Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me

4 Only You can make me whole, give me strength to make me grow
Come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on me
Fall afresh on me, fall afresh on me, fall afresh on me
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“The Holy Heart” Isaiah 53:5

1 The holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father’s side
The Son of God forsaken, the holy Sacrifice

2, 4, 6, 7 For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone
My sin forever taken that I might be His own

3 The holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone
He bore the world’s affliction, He bore it as His own

5 And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride
The Son of God now risen will draw me to His side

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

C and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. In steadfast hope, we look forward to seeing You face-to-face with all the hosts of heaven;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG - "Lead Me to the Rock" Psalm 61:2

1, 5 When I go through the valley and my heart's overwhelmed
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 When I cross o'er the river and it floods o'er my soul
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
 Why do you live your life in bondage and fear
 Letting this world get you down?
 Put your trust in the Savior who will always be near
 And He'll set your feet on higher ground

2, 4, 6 Singin' lead me to the Rock, lead me to the Rock
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 Won't you lead me to the Rock, lead me to the Rock
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I

3 When the night seems forever and the darkness surrounds
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher
 When my spirit is troubled and my friends can't be found
 Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I
 Once my life was built on nothing but sand
 And I saw my life come tumbling down
 'Til I found that the Master had a better plan
 And He set me on that higher ground

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