



Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming,
and Caring through Christ*



**All Saints' Sunday
November 5, 2017**

PRELUDE VIDEO

“Shall We Gather At the River?”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martin Luther video from Reformation Day

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the \ddagger Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(*A brief silence.*) Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN ~ “For All The Saints”

**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!**

**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!

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious
day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Introduction to the day

P: All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete.

At the Lord's table we gather with
the faithful of every time and place,
trusting that the promises of God will
be fulfilled and that all tears will be
wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*)

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Loving Memory

of our dearly departed



**LIGHTING OF CANDLES
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation, the 7th chapter.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the
angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they
fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, singing, “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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;

they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 34

R: I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be
in my mouth.

C: I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly
hear and rejoice.

R: Proclaim with me the greatness of the
LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C: I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

R: Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: I called in my affliction, and the
LORD heard me and saved me from
all my troubles.

R: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

R: Fear the LORD, you saints of the
LORD, for those who fear the LORD
lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer
hunger, but those who seek the
LORD lack nothing that is good.

R: O LORD, you redeem the life of your
servants, and those who put their
trust in you will not be punished.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1st John, the 3rd chapter.

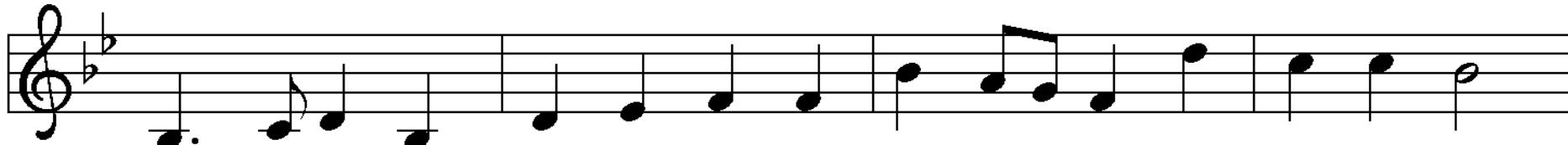
See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are. The reason the world
does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

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

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
“Both Sides of the Altar”

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Blest Are They*”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: *Rejoice and be glad!*
 Blessed are you, holy are you.
 Rejoice and be glad!
 Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain: ***Rejoice and be glad!***
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God.

Refrain: ***Rejoice and be glad!***
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain: ***Rejoice and be glad!***
 Blessed are you, holy are you.
 Rejoice and be glad!
 Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place. (*A brief silence.*)

Gather your church from every nation, tribe, people, and language to proclaim your salvation. Defend and preserve those who are persecuted because of their faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Reveal your will for your creation, mighty God. Renew waters, lands, and skies that are threatened by our carelessness. Teach us to honor and care for the works of your hands.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Move the hearts of all who participate in upcoming elections. Give courage, generosity, and vision to candidates and voters alike. Guide elected officials to answer the call of those who cry out for fair and just policies.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Soothe the pain of those who suffer (*especially*). Comfort those who mourn through the ministry of nurses, those who provide hospice care, visitation ministers, chaplains, and caregivers.
Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Seek the lost, those who hunger and thirst with questions of faith, and those absent from our worship today. Make us ready to receive newcomers you send to our congregation.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We remember with thanksgiving the blessed saints whom you have received into your glory, especially (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Guide us with them to the springs of the water of life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

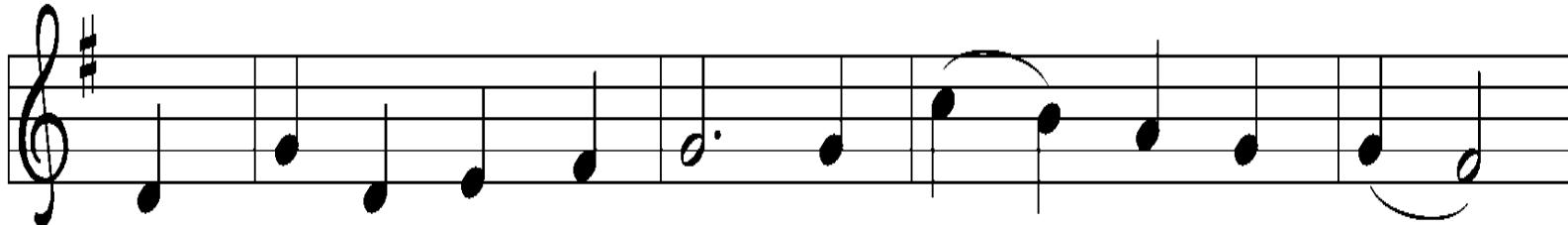
SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.
C. And also with you.

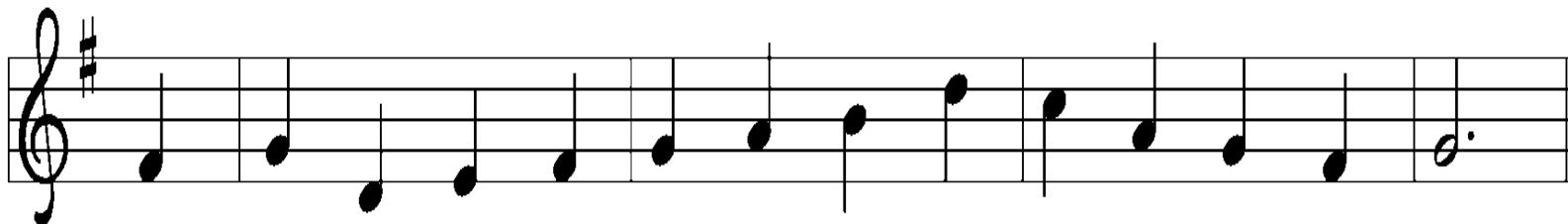
~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh,
you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross, life to
those entombed by death, the way of
your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

DIALOGUE

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 and praise to the
Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and
praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, \dagger Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now
and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn “For All Your Saints, O Lord”

**For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.**

**For all your saints, O Lord,
who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward,
accept our thankful cry.**

**They all in life and death,
with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.**

**For this, your name we bless
and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness
may live and die in you.**

**To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**







