

# THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 7, 2021

## Service Notes:

Hymns: **Divine Service Setting Three, page 184**  
 677, 676, 679, 673, 556, 755, 637, 674  
 First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17  
 Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3  
 Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12  
 Sermon: "For All the Saints" Matthew 5:1-12

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	10/28	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	10/31	8:00 a.m.	72
		10:45 a.m.	141

**BULLETINS** are given by Lynn Brooks in memory of Jerry Brooks.

**FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Jocelynn Wolski's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** for the family of Kathleen Brook who passed away last week Saturday. Her funeral service will be on Saturday, November 6 at noon. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** for the family of Rhonda Lesniewski who passed away on Tuesday of this week. Her funeral service will be on Tuesday, November 9 at noon. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

**OFFICE HOURS** The Church/School office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, November 8 and 9, due to no school (Teachers Conference in Wisconsin Dells). In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Fabrizius at (414) 529-3999.

**COUSINS SUBS DONATION NIGHT** to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will take place at the Cousins Subs located at 6201 South 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Greenfield (27<sup>th</sup> and College) on Monday, November 8. So mark your calendars and come help the 8<sup>th</sup> graders raise money for their class trip. Come any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 15% of sales will be donated to Our Father's School.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** We continue to take poinsettia orders. Order deadline is Sunday, November 14. Please see the order form insert for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	11/07	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Scrip Orders Due	
Monday	11/08	Cousins Subs Night (8th Gr Fundraiser)	4:00-7:00 p.m.
		No School	
Tuesday	11/09	No School	
Wednesday	11/10	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	11/11	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	11/14	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Betty Bliese, Barbara Blue, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Glenn Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Elaine Jenson, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Clarence Laube, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Barbara Wieting.

**SCRIP** Orders are due today, **November 7**. The next order due date is Sunday, December 5. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS**

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/20-11/2/20)	\$188,937.81
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/21-11/1/21)	\$187,697.27
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$209,215.39
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$21,518.12)

**CHURCH FINANCIALS** Over the last year, the financial situation of Our Father's stabilized and even improved, thanks to the generosity of the members of the church. However, Our Father's finds itself again falling behind when comparing expenses to revenue. The Church Council prayerfully and respectfully requests that members consider increasing their giving so that we can continue to meet our expenses. OF Church Council

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**ALTAR GUILD** We are in **DIRE** need of volunteers to serve on Altar Guild. We are unfortunately down to six volunteers, and one of them is out of state for winter months. This means that every 5-6 weeks our turn repeats. The duties include setting up communion for Sunday services, resetting from one service to the other, as well as Thursday evening service, and cleanup of our communion vessels and purificators. Please contact Linda Hojnacki at (414) 427-5949 or talk to me directly for more information. I am hoping a few additional members will consider serving our congregation in this very significant and meaningful role.

**THE GIVING TREE** will be set up in the narthex the week after Thanksgiving. We will sponsor individual families again this year. If you would like to donate but cannot shop, you can choose a monetary ornament and give either money or a gift card (e.g., Pick 'n Save, Target, Walmart, etc.). If you are going to give a monetary gift, please consider buying a Scrip card. The deadline to order Scrip is **Sunday, December 5**. The deadline to return gifts is **Sunday, December 12**. Please see the insert for more information.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** Our Father's will be having our Sixth Annual Advent by Candlelight on Saturday, December 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is an opportunity to set aside the hustle and bustle of the holidays and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. A display will be set up in the narthex to sign up for sponsoring a table. Mark your calendars!

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**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR  
THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

**November 7, 2021**

**THE FIRST READING**

**Revelation 7:2-17 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Then 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,

<sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup> 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,

<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> 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,

<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> "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.

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

<sup>17</sup> 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."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE EPISTLE READING

#### 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

#### Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> 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.**

### THE PSALMODY

#### Psalms 149:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

<sup>5</sup> Let the godly exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,

<sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishments on the peoples,

<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with chains  
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

<sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment written!  
This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

### INTROIT

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.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver 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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
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.

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

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

*“For All the Saints”*

November 7 through November 13, 2021

*Who are the saints of All Saints Day? Saints is a term meaning “holy ones.” In the Bible, this term is applied to all the baptized, whether living or those who have died in the faith. We are not saints because we lead virtuous or moral lives, but we are declared to be saints by God the Father for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ. It is this declaration in which we rejoice this day. We rejoice that those who have died in the faith died as saints and have inherited eternal life. They have no more tears or sorrows, but we, the saints on earth, still struggle in the midst of this sinful world. Our confidence is in the fact that we follow in the train of the saints above, which is really the train of Christ alone. Through Christ, the Holy One of God, we have become saints by the grace of God alone for the sake of Christ alone.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## THE CREED

**VERSE:** <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.  
**1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** 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. **AMEN.**

## PSALM OF THE WEEK: 42

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O God, my Rock, do not forget me for my soul thirsts for Your life-giving waters. My life is filled with tears and I am beaten down by my enemies. Open my ears to hear the sweet song of Your merciful loving kindness. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	2 Kings 3:1-27
Thursday	2 Kings 4:1-7
Friday	2 Kings 4:8-37
Saturday	Matthew 25:31-46

## CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles’ Creed

### The Third Article

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.

*What does this mean?* 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.

**Luther, Lectures on Genesis 13:8-9:** What could Abram have said that was more proper and more conducive to peace? He puts himself on the same level with Lot and says: “Behold, we are kinsmen.” Next he even lowers himself beneath Lot by letting him have the choice of where he would most like to go. Thus the uncle yields to the nephew, the older to the younger, the prophet and priest to God to the pupil – and all this to keep their love from being destroyed and to avoid giving occasion for strife. ... Because the whole world is engrossed in ambition and is profoundly wise, there is no place for love; jealousies, dissensions, and wars abound everywhere. Even though you do what Abram did for Lot and yield your right, yet peace cannot be maintained, not even if you should bear wrongs and disregard them. So corrupt and wicked is the world! It does not deserve this sacred teaching. Nevertheless, the pious must be taught and admonished diligently. After they have come to know God and have begun to believe, they must also learn how to conduct themselves toward their brethren, so that, following the example of Abram, they may yield their right. For the purpose of all laws is love and peace. To this end, all rights and all laws of whatever kind they are must be directed, although, of course, human laws are not to be put on a par with the laws of God in every respect. God’s promise and the Sacraments allow no suspensions; for they are deeds and words of God directed toward us. He Himself wants to perform them if we accept them. Therefore, it is a sin to dispense with or modify something in them or change them, as the pope did when he withheld the chalice in the Lord’s Supper. But since the purpose of earthly laws is love, they must be invoked in such a

manner that no offense is committed against love and, as Abram says in this passage, that there be no strife. Abram remains Lot's most affectionate uncle; and Lot, in turn, remains Abram's very dear nephew. But where the public peace is in danger, let love be the queen and teacher who moderates the laws and modifies them with a view toward lessening their severity. This modification calls for courageous and extraordinary men. As we can see, the teachers of the law do not debate according to love, but everywhere they stress the utmost justice and the letter of the law, as they term it. Hence they do not deserve to acquire this godly knowledge. But in the church let hearts be taught not to stress our rights so rigorously, but to moderate the laws in accordance with what appears to be beneficial to the community.  
(LW 2:337-338, St. Louis: Concordia, 1960)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 676 "*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*" (stanza 1)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*November 14, 2021*  
"Blessed or Cursed"

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 513, 508, 661, 759, 725, 713, 634, 510

## READINGS

Daniel 7:9-14  
2 Peter 3:3-14  
Matthew 25:31-46

The parables of chapter 25 might be called parables of the Church that illustrate the words of Jesus in 24:36-51. The faithful servant is illustrated by the words about faithful preachers in 25:14-30, while the evil servant receives the same treatment. In 25:31-46, Christ addresses the relationship of the hearers of the Gospel to those who are the preachers, the least of these His brethren. Here Jesus reminds the hearers that when we listen to the preaching of the Gospel, we are listening to Him. So we are called to treat the preachers of the Gospel in our midst as if we are receiving Christ. In 10:40, Jesus says, "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." This is followed by a reference to a cup of cold water, even as Jesus speaks about in the parable. The blessed of the Father are those who have been called to faith through the preaching of the Gospel, even as Peter in 16:17. They are the wise virgins who have heard and believed. They do not consider their works, but living by faith, they have eagerly received the preaching of the Gospel. Their lamps have been filled up with the oil of the Spirit as they sought first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. Thus, though they sleep, their lamps do not go out, but they are ready for the arrival of the Bridegroom. They have honored the preachers of the Gospel, as the widow of Zarephath honored Elijah (1 Kings 17) and the Shunammite woman honored Elisha (2 Kings 4).