DIVINE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

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A Traditional, Liturgical, Biblical congregation in the Chicago Region Committed to ministering to sinners with the forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.

The Feast of All Saints

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



This morning Divine Shepherd observes the "Feast of All Saints". We also mark the day known as the "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed" which occurs on November 1st.

Today the Church rejoices in the victory that Christ has won for all people and which He has given to our brothers and sisters who have died in Christ. God has called them to the eternal blessedness of His glorious presence, and for them the time of waiting is over.

But for those of us who remain on earth the waiting continues. As we wait, we do so with great expectancy because we know that the victory that the Saints who have gone before us now enjoy in perfection is a victory in which we also share. While ours is still by faith and theirs is by sight, one day we also will join with them in glory, around the throne of God, to worship the Lamb in His kingdom. Thus each week in the Communion Liturgy we confess,

With angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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Dear Guests, this Congregation Practices Closed Communion. The congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have agreed to follow the Biblical and historical practice of "Closed Communion." If you desire to receive the Lord's Supper and are not a communicant member of this congregation or a congregation in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod we respectfully ask that you not commune this morning. Rather, we would invite you to speak with Pastor Zimmer about Holy Communion and about becoming a communicant member of this congregation. It is the sincere prayer of this congregation that our careful practice of the administration of the Lord's Supper will not be a hindrance to our fellowship with you but instead that it would lead you to appreciate the high regard we have for Christ and His Word concerning this precious gift. We do invite those who are not a member of the LCMS to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, as you kneel at the altar, please cross your arms so that your right hand is on your left shoulder and left hand is on your right shoulder. God bless you for Your understanding.

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19-20*

The sign of the cross (♣) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8-9

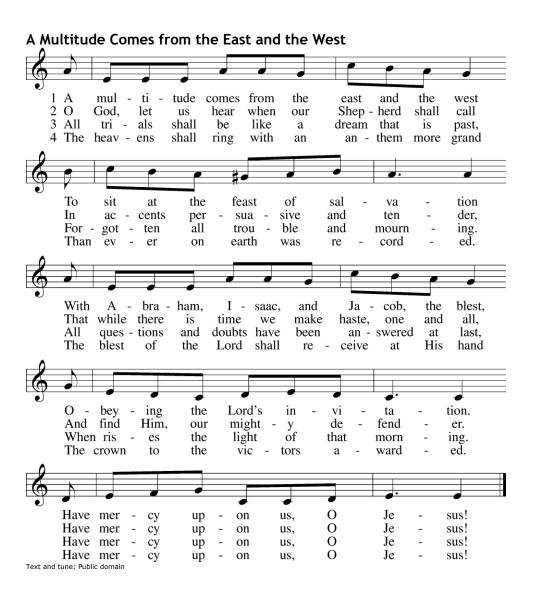
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.



▼ Service of the Word ▼



Kyrie

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** (Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- (Sung) Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C (Sung) Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (SUNG)

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** (Sung) And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

The First Reading

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?" 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. "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."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual



A These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

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

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle Reading

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.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Sung)

John 6:68

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Fifth chapter.
- (sung) 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.
- (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

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.





(Choir) 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. 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!

"When God's righteousness is mentioned in the gospel, it is God's action of declaring righteous the unrighteous sinner who has faith in Jesus Christ. The righteousness by which a person is justified (declared righteous) is not his own but that of another-Christ."

- Martin Luther

Sermon

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The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P "I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His glorious presence so that they may continue in His glorious presence forever.

Here the Pastor will read the names of those members of the congregation who have been called into their eternal rest since the last observance of All Saints' Day

There have been no deaths this year from Divine Shepherd

P Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each petition:

After the final petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy ... one God, now and forever.

hear our prayer. Amen.

Sit

Offering

CHOIR - "BLEST ARE THEY" DAVID HAAS

Offertory (Sung)

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

▼ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ▼

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- (Sung) And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- (Sung) We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- (Sung) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- lt is truly good, right, and salutary..... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

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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."

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

- \mathbf{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C (Sung) Amen.

Agnus Dei (Sung)

John 1:19

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Hymns are sung as needed

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

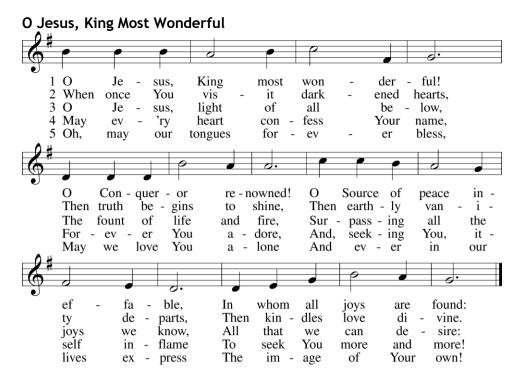
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The Church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered.

- Augsburg Confession



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DISMISSAL

- P The eating and drinking of your Savior's sacred body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true Christian faith unto life everlasting. Depart in the joy of ♣ His Peace.
- Amen.

Thank the Lord (Sung)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
- C (Sung) Amen.



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