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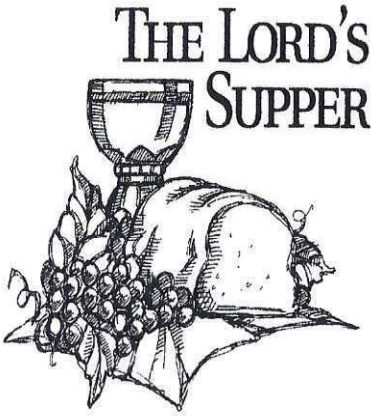
SING PRAISES TO THE LORD, O YOU HIS FAITHFUL ONES....

PSALM 30:4

All Saints Day
SINGING WITH THE SAINTS
November 1, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: SINGING WITH THE SAINTS

Today's reading from the book of Revelation describes for us a heavenly choir of angels, creatures ("the four living creatures"), elders and saints from all over the world ("from every nation, tribe, people and language"). This is the "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" who are with us and sing with us as we sing the "Sanctus" and as we prepare to receive the body and blood of Jesus in holy communion. When Jesus, the Lamb of God, is present with us in His Word and in His holy supper, we are united through faith and in song with all of the saints, living and departed. In Psalm 30, King David says: "Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name." Today, once again, we are singing with the saints!



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.
1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way: (1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper". Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✙ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✙

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

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.
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: 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 the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [NIV] Psalm 149:1-5

P: Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

C: Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

P: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

C: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints.

ALL: 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.

Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" *Rev. 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

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.
C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ rose victorious over death and the grave and today we remember with thanksgiving your faithful people who 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P: With Christians throughout the world, we remember this day all those who have finished the race and have kept the faith. Today, we especially remember those who the Lord called home to His "church triumphant" during the days of this last year. We speak here the names of those who were members of God's flock here at Christ Lutheran Church, and who, though still with us in Christ, now rest with Him in heaven.

† Mike Cobb † Treleta Nell Wright † Baby Hollingsworth

P: Heavenly Father. It is with thanksgiving that we remember these faithful servants and other loved ones among our family members and friends who have departed this life with faith, and by the mercy you have revealed to us, in and through your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now they enjoy the heavenly crown given to them by you, their gracious God. Give us the spirit of thanksgiving as we serve you, knowing that when we are called to our eternal rest you will greet us with the precious words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

First Reading [ESV] Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! Rev. 7:10

Second Reading [ESV] 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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
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Gospel Reading [ESV] Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
C: *(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.
C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "For All the Saints" LSB 677 (v.1-4)

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!

Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them, the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet all are one, in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon — SINGING WITH THE SAINTS

Sermon Hymn — "For All the Saints" — LSB 677 (v.1, 5-8)

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!

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!

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

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!

STAND **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!

Confession of Faith — 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.

Offertory *(sung)* — *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

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.

Offering *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

Offering Prayer — [LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✙ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✙

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, 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*

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 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 is my ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*
C: *(sung)* **A - men.**

Agnus Dei *(sung)* *John 1:29*

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

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LSB 528

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease.
'Tis music in the sinner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin. He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean. His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations own, your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid. The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made, for ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise and love, be now and ever giv'n,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

"The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

The Church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ, her Lord.
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her, to be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth.
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food.
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder, the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.
Yet saints their watch are keeping. Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping, shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious, shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union, with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace.
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide, flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine, gives His sacred blood for wine.
Gives His body for the feast. Christ the victim. Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword.
Israel's hosts triumphant go, through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread.
With sincerity and love, eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie.
You have conquered in the fight. You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall.
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph! Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy.
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

STAND **Father, who the crown shall give. Savior, by whose death we live.**
Spirit, guide through all our days. Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

"Jerusalem the Golden" LSB 672

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest.
The promise of salvation, the place of peace and rest.
We know not, oh, we know not, what joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory, the bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion, sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels, and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them. The daylight is serene.
The city of the blessed, shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David, the saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph, to celebrate the feast.
The sing to Christ their leader, who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever, their gleaming robes of white.

STAND **O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!**
O sweet and blessed country, that faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us, to that eternal rest,
With You and God the Father, and Spirit, ever blest.

Song of Thanksgiving "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" LSB 774

Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish,
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in this holy supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

Closing Hymn "Christ is Our Cornerstone" LSB 912

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build.
With His true saints alone, the courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love, our hopes we place of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n, the grace which we implore.
And may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore.
Until that day, when all the blest to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise, these hallowed courts shall ring.
Our voices we will raise, the Three in One to sing.
And thus proclaim, in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious name.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN! We are a FAMILY LIVING and GROWING in God's Word, sharing God's love by TELLING others about Christ and SERVING them in His name.