



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 1, 2020

The following worship service may be used on its own or along with the video found on the Swamp Lutheran YouTube page.

Thank you, Lord of life, for this beautiful fall day! May all who worship here know the warmth of your presence and the sunlight of your love.

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.

Hymn "For All Your Saints, O Lord" ELW 427

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

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

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

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

The Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

And also with you.

Let us pray:

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.

First Reading: Revelation: 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

"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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

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

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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

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

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

¹¹"Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily The Rev. Kurt Strause

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends “Lord, in your mercy,” and the response is “**Hear our prayer.**”

Ronald K. Good 11/2/19 – Non-member

Members

Linda I Beard 12/1/2019
Clifford Weitzel 12/9/19
Anna Mae Moyer 1/18/2020
Jack Wallace Winter 1/30/2020
Harold Kauffman 3/9/2020
Marie Jenkins 3/17/2020
Ilse A Hemmerich 4/13/2020
James Kenneth Beard 6/14/2020
John Arthur Nicholas 8/1/2020
Doris Jean Kopp 8/30/2020
Cassandra (Casey) Pope 9/18/2020
Ray K. Showalter 9/23/2020



Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as is 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.**

Blessing

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;

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Hymn "For All the Saints" ELW 422

- 1 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!

- 7 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!

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world bearing the Good News of Christ in word and deed.
Thanks be to God.

The Sanctuary Candle today is presented in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moyer by Kathryn and Mike Miller.

Chancel Flowers are given in memory of her daughter in law, Elaine Lewandowski, by Audrey Lewendowski.

Calling all talent. Singers, musicians or any talent you want to share. We are putting together a Christmas Night of Music. This will be a virtual event. You can video yourself or arrange a time to come to church to have us video you. After we get all the videos together, we will post a link on YouTube. December 6, 2020 is the deadline for submissions.

Contact us at webmaster@swamplutheran.org with your ideas to let us know what you plan to do or if you need help.

Barb Mizdail
Katie Houck
Sue Kittler
Shirley Achey – neighbor of Sue Kreitz
Jean Wolf
Don Risser
Susan Levan
Nancy Kulp
Mary Kring – Aunt of Linda Ream
Mary Jane Miller
Roger Gehman – father of Gaile Gehman
Guy Templin
Sue Templin
Jan Risser



When someone is put on the prayer list, we will keep them on for four weeks. After that time, they will be taken off unless you make another request to have them put back on.



Michael Crowther
Clarice Haws
Betty Hornberger
Charles Moyer
Henry Rehlich
Ella Shirk
Alverta Showalter
Clyde Showalter
Mary Ann Weitzel
Mary Jane Miller

OPPORTUNITY - You can help those in need by contributing to the Action Fund. Christmas gifts for needy families and funds for emergencies such as heat, housing, food, or medicine are just some of the ways we help others. If you want to make a contribution to the Action Fund please make your check payable to "Swamp Lutheran Action Fund" and give it to Pastor Strause.

Online QUILT and CRAFT Auction: Lutheran Camping Corporation, Sunday, November 1 – Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Join us for this year's Quilt and Craft Auction online. This fun-filled week of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities, including Camp Kirchenwald, Camp Nawakwa, and the Wittle Farm.

Preview items and register at <http://www.lutherancamping.org/quiltauction>. Items will be added through October, so check back often.

Register and preview items as they are added and begin bidding November 1, 2020. With questions, contact either the Camping office 717-677-8211, or Connie Taylor, 717 940-3953.

Poinsettias and Cyclamens – Orders are being taken for Poinsettias and Cyclamens; either red or white. Deadline to order is Sunday, November 29,2020. Pricing will not be available until the end of October. Please contact Jodi Showalter (717-413-7149) or the church office with questions. When ordering please provide the following information:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Poinsettias RED _____ WHITE _____
 Cyclamens RED _____ WHITE _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Gift card and prepaid cards for the holidays are now available. Order forms will be at the front door. Orders will be due on Sunday, November 29,2020 so we have enough time to receive cards before the holidays. Any questions, call Missy Regan at (717) 314-5658.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Service committee would like to help EASS stock their shelves this upcoming holiday season by everyone doing a reverse advent calendar.

Start with an empty basket, box, or bag and every day between Sunday December 1st and ending Sunday December 20th add a non-perishable food item to the container. Possible ideas are canned meats, canned vegetables, cereal, rice, pasta, canned fruit, hamburger helper, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit juice.

Then on Sunday December 20th or Christmas Eve bring the filled container to church and we will donate the items to EASS.

This year make someone else’s Christmas a little bit brighter. Thank you in advance for your support.

Another opportunity for advent is to read a chapter in the Gospel of Luke each day and by December 24th you will have read the entire book of Luke.

Monetary donations are being accepted to help defray the cost of the turkeys and food for the families at Christmas.

One last service opportunity for Christmas, is to go online to ELCA.org/goodgifts or phone 1-800-638-3522 and purchase animals, school supplies, seeds, etc. to help our neighbors in need. These gifts grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. What a great way to share our gifts with others. If questions, contact Jodi Showalter (717) 413-7149.