

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

Observed November 3, 2024



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!” *Revelation 7:9–10*

## **Mount Hope Lutheran Church**

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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### **Welcome! Members and Guests**

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

### **Listening Devices**

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

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Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

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Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

### **Church Nursery**

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

### **Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies**

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

***Our Vision Statement: Revitalize Within—Reach Out!***

# PRELUDE

## THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

### PREPARATION

Pastor: We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by *“so great a cloud of witnesses”* (12:1) and tells of *“the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven”* and *“the spirits of the righteous made perfect”* (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that *“the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake”* (TLH 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God’s grace we, too, will be *“numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting”* (LSB, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

“For All Thy Saints, O Lord” LW 195  
(Spoken by Pastor)

For all Thy saints, O Lord,  
Who strove in Thee to live,  
Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored,  
Our grateful hymn receive.

For all Thy saints, O Lord,  
 Who strove in Thee to die,  
 Who counted Thee their great reward,  
 Accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death,  
 With Thee, their Lord, in view,  
 Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath  
 To suffer and to do.

For this Thy name we bless  
 And humbly pray that we  
 May follow them in holiness  
 And live and die in Thee.

(Please stand)

## **OPENING HYMN**

"God Himself Is Present" LSB 907

**God Himself is present  
 Let us now adore Him  
 And with awe appear before Him  
 God is in His temple  
 All within keep silence  
 Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence  
 He alone  
 On His throne  
 Is our God and Savior  
 Praise His name forever**

**God Himself is present  
 Hear the harps resounding  
 See the hosts the throne surrounding**

Holy holy holy  
 Hear the hymn ascending  
 Songs of saints and angels blending  
 Bow Your ear  
 To us here  
 Hear O Christ the praises  
 That Your Church now raises  
  
 Fount of ev'ry blessing  
 Purify my spirit  
 Trusting only in Your merit  
 Like the holy angels  
 Worshiping before You  
 May I ceaselessly adore You  
 Let Your will  
 Ever still  
 Rule Your Church terrestrial  
 As the hosts celestial

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12*

Pastor: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

People: For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**People: Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

(Please be seated or kneel, as you are able, for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

**People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.**

Pastor: Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **SAINTS CELEBRATION** *Part 1: Psalm 27:13; 37:28*

Pastor: The words of the Lutheran Confessions give three specific reasons for remembering and honoring the saints. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession states: *“Our Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church”* (Ap XXI 4). Some of the saints listed in the commemorations section of the hymnal lived long earthly lives. Others, especially some of the martyrs who died on account of their faith in the first centuries of the Christian Church, did not. Today we bring to our remembrance someone old and someone young from the legions of saints from past centuries.

Reader 1: St. Polycarp, who was born less than four decades after Jesus ascended into heaven, had a long and impactful ministry. As a young man, he knew and studied under St. John, the disciple of Jesus. For over fifty years, he cared for the church at Smyrna, which is now in the land of Turkey. During the time of his leadership, there was continuing persecution of Christians by the governing authorities. During the time when Marcus Aurelius was Roman Emperor, Polycarp was arrested and taken to the local stadium, where he was ordered to renounce his faith in Christ. In response to that order, Polycarp replied:

“Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong, and can I revile my king that saved me?” St. Polycarp, whose name translates as “much fruit” labored fruitfully for his Lord. He is remembered as a martyr on the church calendar each year on February 23.

Reader 2: St. Katherine of Alexandria lived in Egypt in the last years of the third century and the first years of the fourth. Raised in a wealthy and educated family, she came to know of Jesus through her course of studies as a teenager. Although by this time in history Roman state persecution of Christians was subsiding, there were still times when admitting to being a follower of Jesus Christ could bring a sentence of death. Courageously confessing her firmly held belief, Katherine went before the Roman Emperor Maxentius and requested that the persecutions and executions of Christian people for their faith stop. Refusing to give up her faith, Katherine calmly faced a prison sentence that was ultimately followed by her execution. During her time of captivity she continued her Christian witness, leading to the conversion of soldiers sent to guard her and scholars sent to dissuade her from her beliefs and even the empress, who had come to visit her. In the book of Revelation, St. John gave these words of encouragement from the Lord: “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (2:10). From her few years of earthly life, Katherine left a lasting spiritual legacy.



Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of  
the Lord in the land of the living!

**People: For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake  
His saints. They are preserved forever.**

Pastor: Many Christian hymns give us special ways of  
commemorating the saints. The hymn “By All Your  
Saints in Warfare” includes individual stanzas of  
remembrance as well as general ones that are  
most appropriate as we observe All Saints’ Day.

## **HYMN**

“By All Your Saints in Warfare” *LSB* 518 vs 1 & 3

**By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.**

**Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.**

(Please stand)

## ✠ WORD ✠

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

**People:** 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.

*Women: 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.*

*Men: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.*

**People:** 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.

**KYRIE** (sing) p. 186 in hymnal

**People:** Lord, have mercy upon us  
 Christ, have mercy upon us  
 Lord, have mercy upon us

## TE DEUM

**People:** You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we acclaim You. You are the eternal Father; all creation worships You.

To You all angels, all the pow'rs of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. The

**glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims You:**

**Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You became man to set us free, You did not spurn the virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come and be our judge. Come, then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.**

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## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Inspire us, God of the ages, by the lives of men and women of faith from times past. Help us to learn from their witness, to honor their contributions to our heritage, and to consider their examples as we follow Jesus Christ, our

leader and our master, in our generation. In His abiding name, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**FIRST READING** *Revelation 7:2-17*

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: 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM** *Psalm 149*

**People: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

***Men: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of  
Zion rejoice in their King!***

***Women: Let them praise His name with dancing,  
making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!***

***Men: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He  
adorns the humble with salvation.***

***Women: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.***

***Men: Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,***

***Women: to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,***

***Men: to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written!***

***Women: This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord!***

**People: 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.**

### **EPISTLE** *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.

**Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**VERSE** *Hebrews 10:23–24; 12:1a, 2a*

Pastor: Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

**People: Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Alleluia.**

Pastor: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

**People: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.**

**GRADUAL** *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

Pastor: 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. Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1–12*

Seeing the crowds, he 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & ATTENDANCE CARDS**

Please pass your prayer requests and yellow attendance cards to the individual sitting nearest the aisle and the usher will collect them during the singing of the hymn of the day.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"For All the Saints" *LSB* 677 vs 1,2 &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!**

**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!**



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!

## ++ SERMON ++

### **Your Future Is Bright and Glorious!**

**Text:** Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17

**Theme:** Your future is bright and glorious!

**Goal:** That hearers are comforted in the tears of this life—including separation from beloved saints who have died—by the anticipation of the eternal joy to come for all the saints.

### **Outline**

Your Future Is Bright and Glorious!

- I. We presently face struggles as the church on earth.
- II. Christ's blood shed in the past is the sole reason for our future glory.
- III. Our future will be lived in a restored creation in resurrected glory.

### **SAINTS CELEBRATION** *Part 2: Psalm 28:8; 97:11–12*

**Pastor:** Two other reasons for commemorating the saints noted in the Lutheran Confessions are the strengthening of our faith and the imitation, first of faith, then of other virtues. The calendar of the saints includes both men and women from every era of history and from many lands. In a hymn from the very end of the nineteenth century, writer Lesbia Scott penned these words: “I sing a

song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.” So now we meet two saints:

Reader 1: Often showing up first on an alphabetical list of the saints, Ambrose lived in northern Italy in the fourth century. As a child, he proudly announced on one occasion, “I shall one day be bishop.” His studies and experiences, however, took his life in a different direction and eventually he became a governor in northern Italy, ruling from the city of Milan. When the local bishop of that region died, conflict broke out in Milan between two possible successors. When crowds of supporters of both sides gathered in conflict in the city center, Ambrose, as governor, went to keep order. The result of his peace-keeping efforts was that he was acclaimed as bishop by the crowd. He was the right man at the right time. He served the people and congregations at Milan tirelessly for almost a quarter of a century and used all his talents in the service of the Lord. Each Advent we sing one of his many hymns: “Savior of the Nations, Come.” The day on the church calendar associated with St. Ambrose is December 7—the day in the year 374 that he was named bishop of Milan.

Reader 2: Some of the lesser-known saints turn out to be the most influential. One of those remarkable people is St. Hilda. Born in Great Britain shortly after the year 600, she lived her life in an era that is not often remembered. During the seventh-century, battles, feuds, and wars made life in England and Scotland unsettled and challenging. As the leader of a religious house for both women and men at Whitby, England, Hilda made it her vocation to bring Christian educational opportunity to her remote part of the world. She sought to develop the talents of people around her however she could. One of the people she influenced greatly was Caedmon, who was a herdsman and keeper of the abbey grounds at Whitby. With her encouragement, he became a noted minstrel and is viewed by many as the father of English language poetry. St. Hilda brought disparate groups in the British church together and continually sought to accentuate and develop the gifts of God she discovered in His people.

Pastor: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

**People: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

Pastor: A newer hymn, written by Herman Stuempfle toward the end of the twentieth century, is “For All the Faithful Women.” It has specific stanzas relating to the lives of noted women of faith, from

the times of Miriam, Hannah, and Ruth in the Old Testament era through succeeding generations.

(Please stand)

## **CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**People:** 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.

(Please be seated)

## **COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS**

**Pastor:** We 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. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever.

*Those who have died within the past year may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell will be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.*

*Delores Smith*

*Beverly Kero*

*Patrica Bates*

*Geroge Morton*

Pastor: In joyful anticipation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises that where You are, there Your servants shall be also. Bless the memories of the saints among us and keep us firm in the certain hope of the great reunion to come in Your gracious eternal kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray,

**People: Amen.**

(Please remain seated or kneel, as you are able, for the Prayers of the Church)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gratefully we pray for the church at large and for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, remembering the saints in other places around the world who share in our faith and hope and love and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Confidently we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, .....Grant that their petitions, Good Shepherd, be answered according to Your gracious will and that they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Help us to cherish the company of all of God's people and seek to bring care in Christ to all with cheerful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Humbly we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for the security of our communities. Grant that we always cherish the freedoms we enjoy and be strengthened by Your power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 783 vs 1,2,3 &6*

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy Love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my love my Lord I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever only all for Thee**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

(Please stand)

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: 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, because You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. And now we thank You that You have called us as Your saints and have granted us salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. Therefore with all the bright and glorious company around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom, we praise and magnify You today and always:

## **SANCTUS** *(we sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He, Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for all of creation and for every good gift with which You bless us. Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this



day may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 X 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 X blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy

cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

### **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given**

**God His own doth tend and nourish  
In His holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things He spares them  
In His mighty arms He bears them**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth**

**Though He giveth or He taketh  
God His children ne'er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy**

(Please stand)

## **THE POST-DISTRIBUTION BLESSING**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen  
and preserve you in body and soul to life  
everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen**

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. Having been blessed to be at Your Table in the company of the saints, we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

## SAINTS CELEBRATION

*Part 3: Revelation 5:9; Psalm 28:9; 37:28; 116:5, 15*

Pastor: In the book of Revelation, the description of the company of heaven is one that includes *“every tribe and language and people and nation.”* That amazing and diverse group of individuals will include many saints we know today by name and reputation as their stories are passed from generation to generation. There will be others who were forgotten on earth but will certainly be fully known in the bright and glorious company of the blessed that is heaven.

Reader 1: Some of the saints that have become well known through the ages left letters or books or diaries to chronicle their earthly lives. Perhaps the most outstanding of those writers is St. Augustine, who lived in northern Africa and southern Europe in the fourth and fifth centuries. Between the years 397 and 400, Augustine wrote a thirteen-volume composition telling of his life up until that time. Titled *“Confessions,”* it came to be regarded as the first autobiography in Western literature. It served as a model for Christian writers for hundreds of years. In his *“Confessions,”* Augustine tells of his childhood, youth, and early adulthood. Looking back as he wrote his personal history, he saw many ways in which his life in past times had been misspent, misdirected, and sinful. What he had come to realize was that his life did not find its true fulfillment until he had become totally and

completely a follower of Christ and a servant to his Lord and Savior. One quote from Augustine that is best known is his prayerful exclamation to God: “For Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee.” St. Augustine is remembered on the church’s list of Commemorations on August 28.

Reader 2: Although on All Saints’ Day we remember many of God’s people by name, there are also many people worthy of our remembrance and thanksgiving who are not able to be recalled individually. Hymn texts in our hymnal that have attributions like “Sarum Breviary” and “African American spiritual” and “Church Poetry, Philadelphia, 1823” were penned by unknown saints. Music without a composer named, listed simply as “Geistliche Lieder” or “Davids Psalmen” or “Himmlische Harmony, Mainz, 1628” were the results of dedicated labor by unheralded saints. Much of the mission work of the church has been done by people whose names now are not remembered. For these unknown saints, the words “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints” speaks to us today, reminding us of the heavenly reunion of all of the saints in the courts of the Lord in eternity when what is forgotten on earth will be remembered once again.

Pastor: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People: For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake  
His saints. They are preserved forever.  
Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be  
their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Pastor: Acknowledging the gifts to us through  
anonymous saints of all centuries we offer praise  
to God in the words of the hymn “We Sing for All  
the Unsung Saints.”

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, You have shown to us, in the  
words of Jesus Christ, Your Son, the way of those  
who are truly blessed. Grant us grace to live out  
our days as Your people who walk in ways of  
meekness and faith, following the path of our Lord  
and imitating the faith and virtues of the saints in  
our lifetimes. Send Your Holy Spirit to direct and  
counsel us in all things and bring us at last to Your  
eternal kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN**

**“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” TFBF 298**

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:**

**America! America!**

**God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
whose stern, impassioned stress  
a thoroughfare for freedom beat  
across the wilderness:**

**America! America!**

**God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life:**

**America! America!**

**May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.**



O beautiful for patriot dream  
 that sees beyond the years  
 thine alabaster cities gleam,  
 undimmed by human tears:  
 America! America!  
 God shed his grace on thee,  
 and crown thy good with brotherhood  
 from sea to shining sea.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



New, Unwrapped children's toys or books

Boxes will be put out November 12<sup>th</sup>

## THANK YOU

Words cannot express how thankful I was with all of the birthday greetings and celebrations. Each of you are part of our Christian Family and I count it a privilege to serve you as we serve Jesus together.

Pastor

## VOTER'S Meeting

Next Sunday right after service

## Community Service Opportunity

Donations of Cereal Boxes for Blessed Hope.

Please place cereal in grey box by the mailboxes.

## Mt. Hope Youth Gathering Meeting

### THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5pm

### BINGO!

November 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm

Bring a friend

### Quilting

Every Thursday from 10am to 2pm

### Attendance

Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm 0

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 27

### Prayer List

**If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact Nancy Dajos at 313-254-2437. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.**

### Anniversary

### Birthdays

Dave Brown – November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rylee Wells – November 6<sup>th</sup>

Dorothy Mactavish – November 7<sup>th</sup>

Gabriel Melendez – November 7<sup>th</sup>

### For the Shut-Ins

*Louis Bigliardi, Assistant Living*

*Joan Hafkesbrink, at Beaumont Commons*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*Camell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at Aeries Health Center*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

**For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Mark Swoveland**, Val Mason's Friend, amputation

**The family of Jeff Weed**, Val Mason cousin, called to  
glory

**Gary Mason**, continuing health concerns

**Stanley Faulk**, Camell Faulk's son, cancer

**Bill Morrison**, Sandy Cairns father, in the hospital

**Nancy Dajos**, still suffering from various health issues.

**The family of Delores Smith**, Jim Smith's mother, called  
to Glory

**Mack Mayfield**, recovering at home

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday November 3	9:30am – Worship w/HC Bible Study after Service
Wednesday November 6	10:30 am Bible Study
Thursday November 7	Quilting 10am to 2pm
Friday November 8	Office Closed
Saturday November 9	5pm Saturday Service
Sunday November 10	9:30am – Worship w/HC Voters' Meeting

# **Youth Group Fundraiser**

**There's still some left....**

**\*Please see the giving board in the narthex. \***

**Donations will be for LCMS 2025 Youth Gathering in  
New Orleans, LA**

## **Here's how to donate**

- 1. Pick a numbered envelope.**
- 2. Donate a minimum of that amount**

**Example 1: Picked #1**

**Donate a minimum of \$1**

**Example 2: Picked #33**

**Donate a minimum of \$33**

**Please fill out your name and place it in the  
collection plate.**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AS WE PREPARE TO ELECT OUR LEADERS

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote and to vote early and correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice, to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom.

May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.