

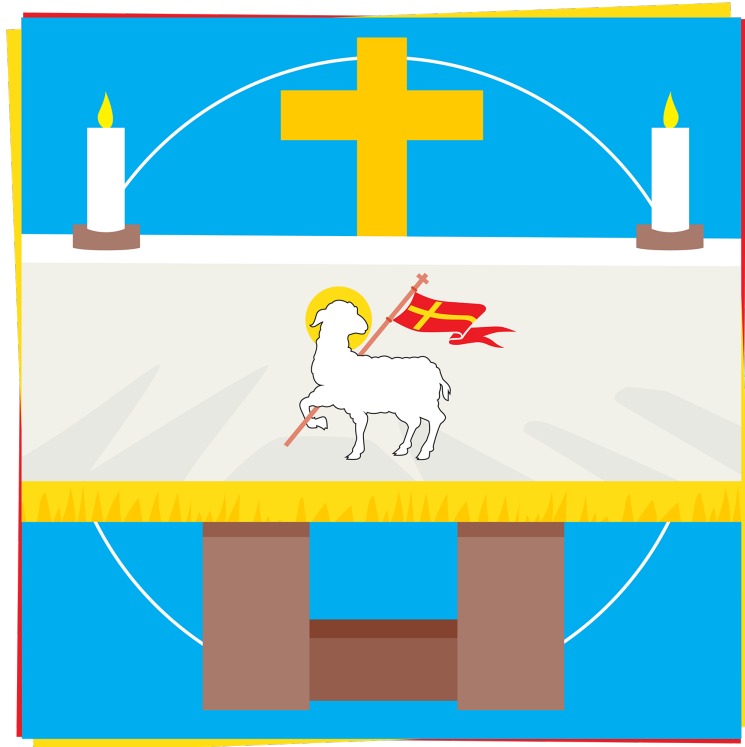
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Blessed

As We Gather

Some people believe they are blessed when they receive a good cup of coffee or when they look good in their swimsuits. While these may be blessings, we are truly blessed because we are God's children who are guided, guarded, protected, and provided for by our Good Shepherd. Our heavenly Father has claimed and cleansed us in the waters of Baptism. As God's children, we are saints now and forever—not because of anything we have done or will do but because of Jesus. Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount by listing how and when we are blessed. Jesus richly blesses us saints in this life and in the one yet to come.

PRELUDE *"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White," arranged by Kevin Hildebrand*

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 v1-4

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

John 11:25–26; Job 19:25–27; Romans 14:7–8; Revelation 14:13

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

People: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Pastor: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

People: And 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!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:12a

Pastor: John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

People: We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.

Pastor: John reminds us, "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." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

People: Alleluia! Amen!

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

♪ 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

KYRIE

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord
have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♪ Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we
glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

**O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou
that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.**

**For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the
glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You make us saints through
calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism.
Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before
us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come
to the indescribable 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.
People: ♪ **A--men.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:2-17
(A picture of God's saints gathered around His heavenly throne.)

Lector: 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, saying,

People: **"Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we
have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."**

Lector: 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,

People: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Lector: 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,

People: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Lector: 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.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-3 *(We are God’s children)*

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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And 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 as you are able.

ALLELUIA

♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12
(God’s children are blessed.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter.

People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God.

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

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² 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: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

Please be seated.

HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” #725

SERMON “You Are Secure – In Christ” Revelation 7:13-17
Pr. Fran Lieb

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A-men.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory," arranged by Anne Krentz Organ (LSB 671)

Please stand as you are able.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Romans 6:3–4

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, God's children are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all of our sins. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”**

COMMEMORATION OF THE REDEEMED CHILDREN OF GOD

Pastor: Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

Pastor: 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.

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

HYMN "For All the Saints" #677 v1-2

Pastor: We thank and praise You, O God, our Maker and King, for leading Your children through the wilderness of this world to the promised land of Your eternal heavenly kingdom. We thank You for saving us by grace through faith in the Lamb, who is our shepherd and guide. We thank You for the encouragement and example of Your saints who have gone before us. Compel us by Christ's love and empower us by Your Spirit to imitate them as they imitated Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

HYMN "For All the Saints" #677 v3-4

Pastor: We thank and praise You for making us members of Your mystical Body, the church, through the waters of Holy Baptism. Keep us firmly rooted in Your Word of truth. Lead us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to grieve with those who grieve. We ask for You to provide comfort and peace to all who are grieving the earthly loss of loved ones today.

We ask for encouragement, strength, and healing for all who are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually, especially Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN "For All the Saints" #677 v5-6

Pastor: We thank and praise You for Your deep love for us, Your children. Strengthen families by deepening their love for one another. Strengthen mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers in their vocations that they may train their children and grandchildren in the way they should go as they make their way through this warring world. Bless all authorities, those who serve in government, those who serve in Your church, those who work to bring peace and justice and healing, as well as those who work in schools and businesses. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

HYMN "For All the Saints" #677 v7-8

Pastor: Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, nourish us with Your body and blood so that we may be raised to immortality and incorruption and be seated at Your heavenly banquet. While death still claims our mortal bodies, You have been raised up so that we may pass from death to life and join those who have died in You and now rest from their labors in the resurrection. Bring us to the fullness of our salvation, that we may see You face to face and live forever with You, our Lamb and Shepherd; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eternity.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and 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 singing:

SANCTUS

♪ **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!

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

People: ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: ♪ **A---men.**

AGNUS DEI

♪ 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. A---men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Voluntary on 'Nyland'," by Gordon Young

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has 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.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Lead us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His eternal kingdom when He returns; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 🎵 A--men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: 🎵 Thanks be to God.

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, amen, a--men.

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 v 5-8

POSTLUDE *"Song for All Saints," by Mary McDonald*

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THE MESSENGER

November 2, 2025

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Fran Lieb
 Linda Rayburn, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass,
Dan and Ian Henggeler

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