

*Sharing the Bread of Life*  
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

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10:30am



*Worship Leaders for Today*

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## **Introduction to the day**

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

### **Introduction to the 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.

### **Introduction to the Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

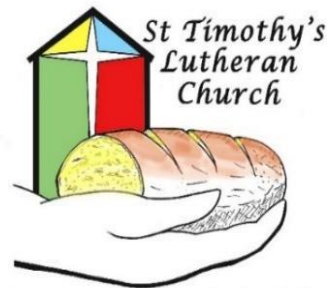
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

### **Introduction to the Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

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.

# All Saints Day

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*"Sharing the Bread of Life"*

*The assembly stands.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.  
**Amen.**

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: #427 For all your Saints, O Lord (v. 1, 2, 4)**

- 1** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.
- 2** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.
- 4** For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

**GREETING**

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.**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

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

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I 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.

<sup>15</sup>For 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.

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

<sup>17</sup>for 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.”

We do not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**PSALM 43**

Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people;  
**deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.**

For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me,

**and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?**

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,

**and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;**

that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness;

**and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

**Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

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

We do not live by bread alone,

**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*The assembly stands as the word of God is proclaimed in music.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #422 For All the Saints (v. 1, 3)

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!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

*At this time you may light a candle in  
thanksgiving for loved ones who now rest in the company  
of all the saints.*

*The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod (*especially*). Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year (*here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read*). In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*If joining us in the sanctuary, you are invited to share the peace with a reverent bow to your neighbors and the words, "Peace be with you."*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*Please mail offerings into the main office at 9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie, IL. 60076*



*The assembly stands.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Distribute the bread to those in your household saying, "The body of Christ given for you." Then distribute the cup to those in your household saying, "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG:** #423 Shall we gather at the river (v. 1)

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

## **BLESSING**

### **DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Variation on a Norse Melody - Paul R.

## **FRIENDS IN CHRIST, PAST AND PRESENT**

### **Sunday November 1**

#### All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

### **Tuesday November 3**

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

### **Saturday November 7**

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

## BRIEF DEVOTION WITH PRAYER LIST

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (speak names here). When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sunday

Liam Hansen, Bob Kallas, Rose Graunke,  
Tim Swenson, Colin Haerberlin and  
Evelyn Ekstrom  
Liz Nygard  
Jim Nelson

### Monday

Lori and Austin Kiser  
David Householder  
Kathy Fergus  
Andrea and Charlie  
Family and Friends of  
Ross  
Nancy Whitney  
Marilyn Douros

### Tuesday

Chris Devona Jr.  
Chris Devona Sr.  
Esther Hildner  
Debra and Jason Sloan-  
Zielinski  
Clint, Ethan, Caroline,  
and Bebe  
Mary Ann Jensen

### Wednesday

John Farmer  
Maddux Gooris  
Christine Haerberlin  
Leimer Family  
Tom and Jean Olson  
Christy and Josh Bailey-  
Green  
Jan Wright

### Thursday

Family of Marilyn  
Hooper  
Susan Jensen  
Carolyn Herman  
Dick Herman  
Emmy Treganza  
Kathleen McGill

### Friday

David Nygard  
Mary Beth Roth  
Robert Burke  
Bobby Scott  
Dorothy Brown  
Dick and Joan Nelson

### Saturday

Charlie Perryman  
Emma Creskoff  
Friends and Family of  
Lydia Sanderson  
Robert Norrstrom  
Elaine Morgan  
Stephanie Ruth

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> TO NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday            10:30am          Worship  
                     11:30am          Fellowship/ Daylight Savings Ends at 2:00am  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Assisting Minister(s)** Bruce Hildner  
**Co-Host**                    Sandy Waterhouse

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> TO NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday            10:30am          Worship  
                     11:30am          Fellowship  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday          6:30pm            Call Committee meets  
Friday  
Saturday

**Assisting Minister(s)** Janice Skillen  
**Co-Host**                    Betty Johnson

### SAVE THE DATE

- November 15<sup>th</sup>- Commitment Sunday begins
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - Last day for clothes drive pick-up
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting
- November 27<sup>th</sup> – Sack Lunch

*Join us for coffee hour outside or over Zoom following the service.*

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