



Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

November 05, 2017

All Saints Sunday

10:15am

Rev. Pedro Suarez, Pastor

—WE GATHER—

INTRODUCTION

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.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **C: Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God:

C: O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

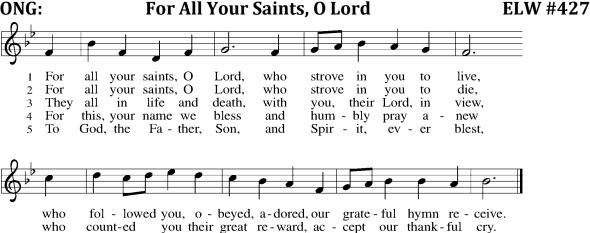
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: AMEN.

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OPENING SONG:



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THE GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (Sung)



HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: 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

Children's message

—WE HEAR GOD'S WORD—

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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."

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (ELW): PSALM 34:1-10, 22

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- ²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
- $^4\mathrm{I}$ sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.
- ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
- ${}^8\text{Taste}$ and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!
- $^9\mathrm{Fear}$ the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

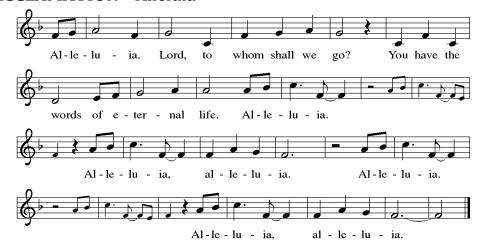
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please Rise for the Gospel Acclamation.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"



P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

- 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.

- $^{\rm 11}\text{``Blessed}$ 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

—WE RESPOND—

P: Please stand as you are able for the Sermon Song.



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Welcoming God's reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

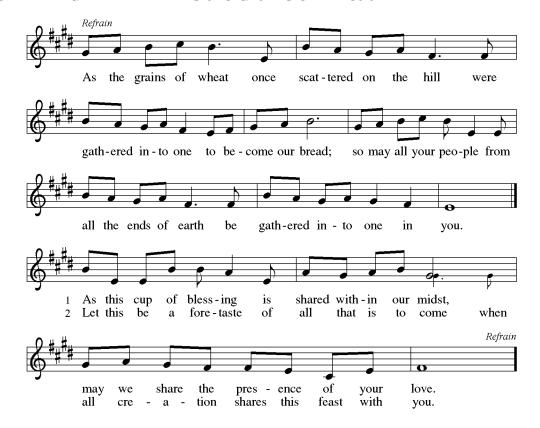
~WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465



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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

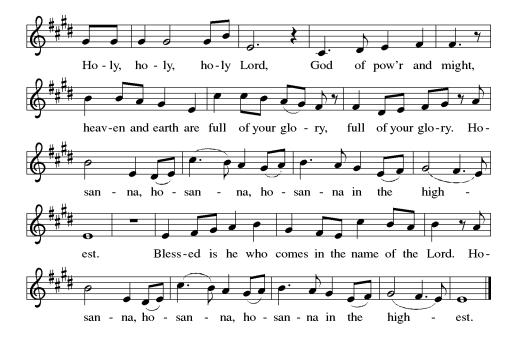
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,

both now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, we come to You in prayer, as our Savior Jesus has taught us:

C: 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.

Invitation of Communion

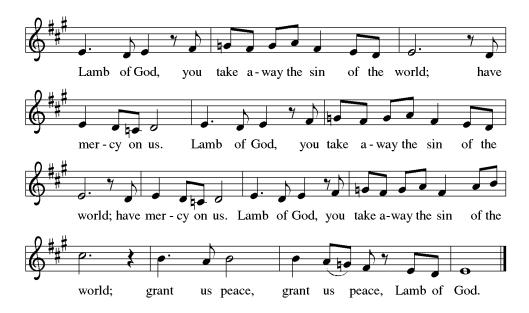
P: Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

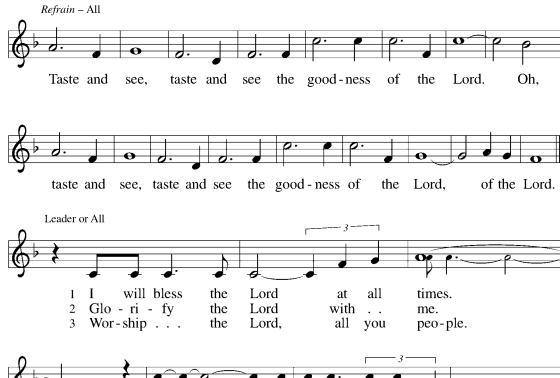
Reception of Communion

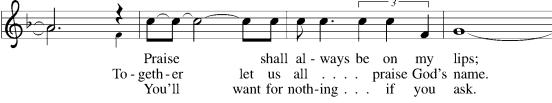
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion distribution today is at the Altar rail and received by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of an usher, and kneel or stand (as you are able) at the Altar rail. Receive the bread in your hands and dip it in the wine. There is no group dismissal. Please return to your seats by the center aisle. There will be another communion station below for those that prefer not to come to the Altar rail. Please indicate if you need gluten-free and alcohol-free elements.

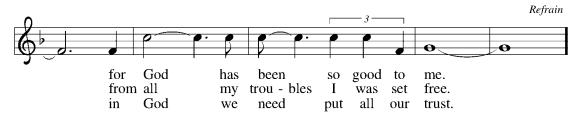
"LAMB OF GOD"











Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

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Instrumental Music

Cesar Vidaud

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

A: Sovereign God,

in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come.

Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

~WE ARE SENT FORTH~

Benediction

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Announcements

SENDING SONG: Shall We Gather at the River ELW #423



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love.

C: Thanks be to God.

IN OUR PRAYERS

In our prayers today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Rudy Koch, Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Jean Rogers, Katie, Janet Isner, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Lisa Allen, Bob & Jane Reinhold, C.C., Trudy DiCarlo and Marie Koach.

Prayers for Friends of the Church: Damien S., Monique Rogers and her mom Betty, Marie Trykoski, Myrka Alverist's family, Maggie Alverist, Ann Farrell, Normagene Richardson, Aiden Chase, Brenna Taylor, Rita Stevenson, Mike, Barbara Greco, Dr. Willis Allen, Eleanor Knauf, Alessandra, Cheryl, Nick Caldwell Sr., Lucille Capece, Lexie Sachlis, George F., David Spall, Joan Coletti, Adam Rubino, Berna, Braemen Weiner, Chandler Weiner, Debbie Seckel, Elizabeth Kraus, Kenneth Smith, Mary Taylor, Cynthia, Richard H., and Laurie Engelhardt.

Announcements

WINE AND CHEESE EVENT: Our annual Wine and Cheese event will be on Saturday, November 4th in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door at \$15.00. Come and enjoy raffles for gift baskets, gift cards and 50/50. Also plenty of food, and drinks including soft drinks and music.

THANKSGIVING SOUP SUPPER AND WORSHIP: On November 22 at 6p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will have a soup supper before a brief Thanksgiving worship at 7p.m. Please join us and bring your favorite soup.

CONSECRATION & INSTALLATION OF AURA SUAREZ: On Saturday, November 25 at 5:00pm at St. Stephen. A reception will follow at the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

BARBARA'S UPDATE: St. Stephen's family members, Barbara Kaptain now resides at the Atrium, assisted living at Boca Raton, 1080 NW 15TH St Room #215 (just off I-95 and Glades Road). Please note that we are the only "family" close enough to visit and seeing a familiar face will surely keep Barbara smiling. A good time to visit is any day between 2pm – 4pm.

HURRICANE RELIEF: If you would like to donate to the victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma and/or Maria, the best way now is to do so financially. Here is how:

- 1. You can check our Florida-Bahamas Synod's website <u>www.fbsynod.com</u> for more information on sending funds through them to either hurricane victims. There is a donate button to give with credit card.
- 2. You can also check our ELCA synod in Houston <u>www.gulfcoastsynod.org</u> They have a donate button to give with credit card.
- 3. Any Sunday if you wish to donate through St. Stephen you can add another offering envelope or check to St. Stephen with memo: Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma or hurricane Maria, and we will send it to Houston or to our synod, or stop by the church office.
- 4. Outside our church, 2 organizations that are of trust are the American Red Cross or Salvation Army.

THE LUTHER ROOM: Most of us know it as the Choir Room, other know it as the Music Room, it is the room west of the Narthex. Through the years it has become also a storage room. Unfortunately, it has also been neglected, and since it is being used for more than choir practices, it doesn't feel inviting or part of the growing church that we are now. We would like to renovate this room. We hope to dedicate this "Martin Luther Room" as part of our commemoration of the 500 years of the Reformation on October 29, 2017. Would you like to be part of this effort? Please make your donation in an envelope specifying, "Luther Room by _____ in honor of _____." You may also contact the church office.

Service Assistants for November

10:15 AM	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
	All Saints Sunday			Christ the King
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pat Belanger	Natalie Prego	Carol Jacobson	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Katie Paff	Madalyn Ammons	Aiyana Cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Erika Flanigan	Carisa Esposito	Rosie Fennelli	Catherine Zippay
USHERS –Need 4 to Serve	Suzanne Loggins Harry Ambrose Patricia Engle Terry Shumway Rosie Fennelli	Lynda Smith Zachary Smith Rosie Fennelli Pat Belanger Rosie Fennelli	Lisa Castaneda Floyd MacDonald Linda Hanzlik Terry Shumway Rosie Fennelli	Marsha Kibler Drew Kibler Darin Kibler Catherine Zippay
Head Usher				
GREETERS – Need 2 to Serve	Caroline Smith Ruth Wagle	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones	Caroline Smith Zachary Smith	Kelly Jacobson Rose Jones
SOUND	Dennis Magarrell	Sera Butz	Dennis Magarrell	Katie Paff
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones



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Sunday Schedule

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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