

Holy Cross Lutheran
ALL SAINTS' DAY
November 1, 2020 – 9 AM

AS WE GATHER There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His body and blood.

† IN DOMINE JESU †
(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677 vs. 1-4

- 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!**
- 2. 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!**
- 3. Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.

C: We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.

P: Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You deigned to call all people who trust in Your Son for salvation Your own children.

C: Strengthen our faith so that we pass through each day confident that the hope You have given us shall not fail, and we shall see You face-to-face in eternity;

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

C: Amen.

† THE LIVING WORD †

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

(There will be no more suffering, hunger, thirst, or tears, for the Lord will bring salvation.)

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵"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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO by Rebecca Tutewohl

"Hear my cry, O Lord"

By: Cesar Franck

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

(Jesus is our certain hope - we shall be like Him when He appears at the end of time.)

¹See 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

ALL: 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, fifth chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

(Jesus' followers are blessed now because of His sure promises.)

P: Seeing the crowds, Jesus 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,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are those who mourn,

C: for they shall be comforted.

P: Blessed are the meek,

C: for they shall inherit the earth.

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

C: for they shall be satisfied.

P: Blessed are the merciful,

C: for they shall receive mercy.

P: Blessed are the pure in heart,

C: for they shall see God.

P: Blessed are the peacemakers,

C: for they shall be called sons of God.

P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: 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,

C: for your reward is great in heaven,

P: for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677 vs. 5-8

5. **And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals, on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
6. **The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
8. **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

"See What Kind of Love the Father Has Given to 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."

1 John 3:2

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Third Article and Meaning

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.
On the Last Day He will raise me, and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Now, we remember those from our congregation of faith and friendship who have been called to the full presence of the Lord in the year span since last All Saints' Day. We thank God for their earthly lives now concluded and ask that we may follow their examples of faith as we continue our earthly journeys.

We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints: Jack Hunter (bell toll); . . . Scott Vig (bell toll); . . . Lyla Brown (bell toll); . . . James Beutler (bell toll); . . . and all our extended family and others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus. (bell toll)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")*

(after all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

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

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In preparation for the Lord's supper we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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.**

THE PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(We take Communion as one body together as brothers and sisters in Christ with our invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Go in peace, joy, love and forgiveness. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together, **Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our lives that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P: 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 His favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"I Will Rise"

By: Chris Tomlin

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission!

C: **Amen! We will! Amen!**

† **SOLI DEO GLORIA** †

(To God be the Glory)

THE POST SERVICE MUSIC

(reprisal sending song)

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Holy Cross Happenings

November 1 – November 8, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

QUOTE: November 1 "Adoption can be an enormously unselfish gift to a baby, not only as a way to give a child a secure, loving, stable family but to give that child the most precious gift of all—life." *Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Voter's Meeting Today after service – Please plan on staying for our Voter's Meeting at 10:15 today after the 9:00 am service. There are things that need to be discussed. All are welcome.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child - Ready to pack a shoebox for a child that might otherwise not have a Christmas gift? We have **50 pre-printed shoeboxes** in the Commons as well as peel & stick labels. On the reverse side is information concerning how to pack a shoebox along with gift ideas and what not to include for gifts. **Step 1:** Pickup shoe boxes and labels, **Step 2:** Purchase age-appropriate gifts, **Step 3:** pack shoebox and apply label, **Step 4: Return** to church **as you fill them** ~ **NO LATER than Sunday, Nov. 15th.**

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class This group will meet in the sanctuary for space. The OT book of Nahum will be led by Rev. Robert Nowak. The teaser for you to participate... Robert "finds it fascinating and so much like the world we live in today"! Come for ancient history, Assyrian empire origin information, and more!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING LIGHTS – Anyone wishing to help in putting up outside Christmas lights we are planning to do this Sunday, November 8 around 12:30 to 1 pm. If you have any further questions, please contact Ralph Wagner or Rostina and Rich Vannett for more information. Thank you for your help.

Informal prayer time - We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. All are welcome. We will be praying for Holy Cross, our nation, Covid concerns and any other prayer requests. We will provide a list of what to pray for and bring along your personal prayers also. Please pray about joining us for all or some of these Wednesday nights.

The Sanctuary Course Please join us today at 11 am in the front of the sanctuary or online using our Zoom link for the "Sanctuary" class on mental health understanding and support for our families and community. Pastor Jim will facilitate the class.

McKenna visiting – If anyone is interested in visiting Lohart on Wednesday at 10 am outdoors where they set up a special outdoor distancing, people can meet Pastor, Janean or Nancy and attend with them when they visit. If rain and lightning the visit cannot be done. Please contact the church office if interested.

MOR (Ministry of Reconciliation) – MOR is a local counseling and prayer support ministry in Prior Lake. Because of social distancing their office space is limited and have asked and received permission to hold a prayer support and reconciliation training here at Holy Cross. They will meet Thursday evenings in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm M (Note: Masks and social distancing will be required as well as helping disinfect the area at the end of each evening of the chair and table spaced used). This will be the final session.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Communion Support:	Dave Albrecht
Lector:	Jonas Petrie
Ushers:	Jason Kruse
Acolyte:	Colin Kruse
AV:	Jason Eickhoff
Offering Counters:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020 9:00 am

Communion Support:	Jon Dobberstein
Lector:	Judy Weimer
Ushers:	Denny Case
Acolyte:	Daniel Vannett
AV:	Rostina Vannett
Offering Counters:	Dave Albrecht & Doug Schulze

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday November 1 ALL SAINT'S DAY
9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:15-10:45 am Drive-up Communion
10:15-11:00 am Voter's Meeting
Sunday School
11:00 am "Sanctuary" Course on Mental Health live & via zoom

Monday November 2
Tuesday November 3
ELECTION DAY
No Men's Bible Study

Wednesday November 4
12:00 pm Happenings Articles Due
7:00 pm Informal Prayer (*sanctuary*)

Thursday November 5
6:30 pm MOR Prayer Training (final session)

Friday November 6
Saturday November 7
9:00 am Church Cleaning

Sunday November 8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:15 am Drive-Up Communion
10:15 am "Nahum" Bible Study in Sanctuary / Sunday School
11:00 am "Sanctuary" Course on Mental Health live and zoom

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS

Attendance – 10-25-2020

Worship: 37 + 13 streamers = 50
Communion: 34 + 1 Drive-up = 35
Bible Study: 10
Sunday School: 5 kids & 4 teachers
Sanctuary Class: 5

Responding to God's Grace

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$21,982.50
Contributions received in September \$20,017.57



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