

St. Matthew 5:12

All Saints' Sunday



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 6, 2022

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Please come forward to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Holy God We Praise Your Name* (ELW) No. 414

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) No. 140

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

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“Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain... And he opened his mouth and taught them.” -Matthew 5:1a, 2a-

The above verses introduce Jesus' Sermon on the Mount that he preached on a hill near Capernaum. It spans chapters 5 through 7 in the Gospel of Matthew. This rich sermon teaches the kind of righteousness that characterizes those who walk according to the ways of God's kingdom, a kingdom that looks nothing like the kingdoms of this world. Jesus opens his sermon with the Beatitudes which stun with his list of those he calls blessed: the “poor in spirit” (v. 3), “those who mourn” (v. 4), “the meek” (v. 5), “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” (v. 6), “the merciful” (v. 7), “the pure in heart” (v. 8), “the peacemakers” (v. 9), and “those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake” (v. 10) – surely a list the world and its kingdoms deem absurd.

Renown British theologian, N.T. Wright, in *The Day the Revolution Began*, however, explains that through these very people committed to Jesus, he launches his kingdom on earth. These are the people who “learn the way of nonviolence, the way of love for enemies and prayer for persecutors (5:38- 48). They will turn the other cheek; they will go the second mile; they will allow someone to strip them of both shirt and cloak. And they will thereby demonstrate that they truly are children of their Father in heaven” (p. 218).

Then Wright points out that Jesus did all the above: He “would stand there unresisting as people slapped him and mocked him. He would be compelled by the Roman soldier to carry his burden all the way to Golgotha. He would find his clothes stripped off him and divided up. And, as he dies, one of those very soldiers would declare that he really was the son of God (26:67; 27:30-32, 35, 54)” (p. 219).

Jesus perfectly modeled the Sermon on the Mount in his life and death. He embodied true blessedness and righteousness that exceeded that of the Pharisees, and he warns that we need to do the same or “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (5:20). Sobering words. They reveal how far short we fall which, ironically, is what the “poor in spirit” understand about themselves. And Jesus promises such as these, “theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (v. 3).

All Saints Day Nov. 6th, 2022

Jean Marie Weaver- Penvose former FLC member

Gary Donald Smith (42nd Highland Regt. PA reenactor)

Rev. George S. Dran

Barbara Stinson

Erik Johnson King (Grandson of Bette Johnson)

Carolyn Louise Wright (Group's Mom)

Yvonne Wingreen-Jensen (Kyle's Grandma)

Diana K. Householder (Michelle W. Mom)

Bette Johnson (Rick J's Mom)

Robyn Munz (Family friend of Kimmy)

Elsie Mae Kemmler St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Gina Marie Zanolla (Zach's girlfriend)

Corporal Chad M. Beattie (Washington Country Sheriff's Dept)

Byron Kris Christian (son of Bob and Anneliese)

Sean Wier (Jen Johnson's brother)

Doris Jean Phillips (cousin of the Groups)

Dorothy Matijak Siedle (organ repair Siedle organ company)

Pamela Golaski

Stephanie Kennedy

Candace George

Jeanette Erdmann

Annette Hendrickson

Carol Merz

Cindy Main

Howard Rice

Dorothy Walker

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, You have knit together Your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesus Calls Us

Bell Choir

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing His praise in the congregation of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in His Maker;**

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise His name in the dance;

let them sing praise to Him with timbrel and harp.

⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in His people and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat**

and a two edged sword in their hand;

⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples;

⁸**To bind their kings in chains**

and their nobles with links of iron;

⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all His faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

The Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River

(ELW) No. 423

**The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Thank Offering Sunday is November 20th The women of the church ask all of you to join them in giving thanks November 20th. Please bring food donations as usual. Our speaker will be

You may mark an envelope "Thank Offering" or by putting a loose offering in the plate. Loose offering that Sunday will be used for Thank offering. Thank you!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Dartball on Tuesday, Nov. 9, Washington Alliance here.

The Flower Chart for 2022 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2022. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2022. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, baby Matthew, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Jean Erdmann, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Robert Schmidt, Chipper, Delores Stebella, Jerry Vitteck, Chaz Sands, Jason, Austin, Rich, Tonia, Barbara Morton, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Jacob, Lindsay, Teegan, Maxine Banko, Pastor Rob and Kimberly Grewe, Brooke, Nicki Wenzel, Ellen, Roderick Cochrane, Jacob Orr, USN, Jammie, and Peggy.

*The Prayers of the Church and The Prayers of the Saints (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Presentation of the Memorial Bell for Joyce Streater.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW) No. 188

*The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (ELW) No. 494

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (sung response)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW) No. 654

*The Dismissal (response)

C: Thanks be to God.

*FLC Sending Hymn *Be The Love of Christ* arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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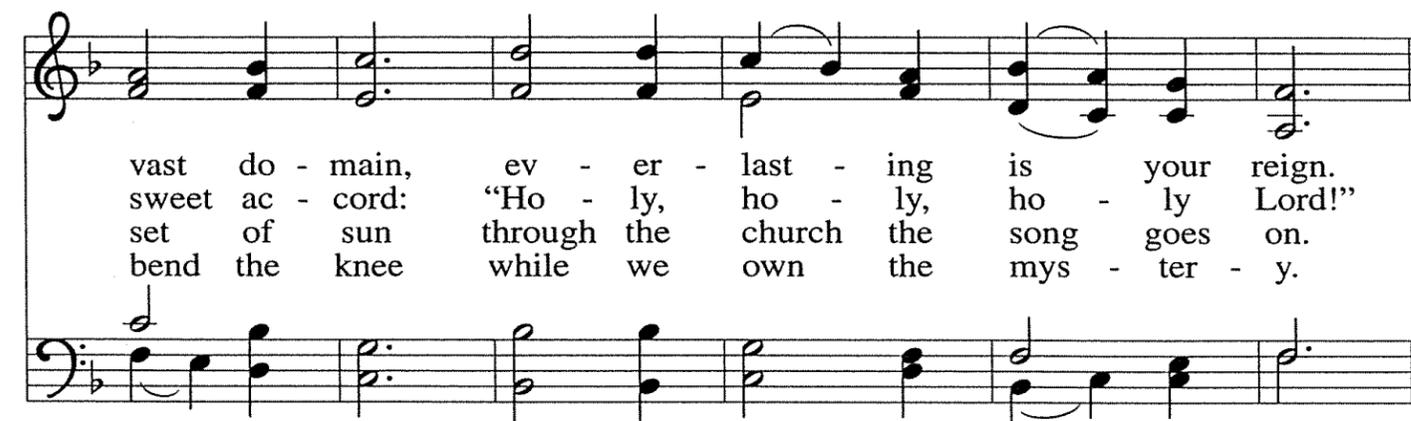
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in honor of Mark and Jennifer Black on their 31st wedding anniversary and in loving memory of my father, Bernard Killen. A donation is made to the Roof Fund by Kathleen Black.

The Lay Reader is Heather Quedenfeld.

Acolytes are Bryce, Collin and Lyndsay Berry.

Counters and Greeters today are S. Berry and L. Sten.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday following Worship Service.

Please join us following Service today for Coffee Hour.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

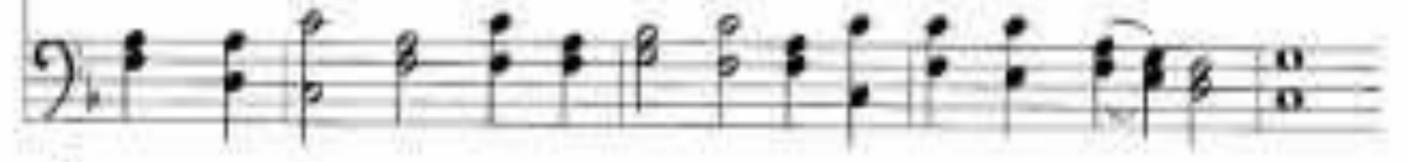


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord,
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord,
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord,
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Shall We Gather at the River

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.

Refrain

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.