

# ALL SAINTS` DAY

November 7th, 2021



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Prayer:** O Almighty God, by whom we are graciously knit together as one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Jesus Christ, our Lord, grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who unfeignedly love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Organist:** Susanne Anderson  
**Readers:** 9 a.m.—Don Fretz 11 a.m. – Gloria Meyer

**Children’s Message: Nov. 7th: “The Widow’s Mite”** <https://youtu.be/5WZUJQKM92E>

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Matt.10: 1-10 Wed.: Matt. 10: 16-23 Friday: Matt. 10: 32-39  
Tuesday: Matt. 10: 11-15 Thurs: Matt. 10: 24-31 Saturday: Matt. 10: 40-42

**WORSHIP NOTE:**

**In compliance with Ontario Provincial Step 3, we can now offer in-person worship with allowances for social distancing.**

- A recording of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSg>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: [christlutheransc.ca](http://christlutheransc.ca).
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland ([chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca)) or Pastor Todd ([pastortoddhoefts@gmail.com](mailto:pastortoddhoefts@gmail.com)). or phone the church office. May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

**EDUCATION HOUR: Sundays 10:10 AM — 10:45 AM**

- **Adult Bible Study** will be held weekly in the basement [SOUL area]
- **Sunday School** – Will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month in basement classrooms
- **Youth Catechism** – Will be held on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month in the sanctuary pews

On the Sundays Pastor Todd teaches youth catechism, Louise will lead the adult classes (3rd & 4th Sunday). All other adult classes Pastor Todd will teach. 1st Adult study will be the book of JAMES.

**FOR ALL SAINTS’ DAY** — With thanksgiving, O Lord, we remember all those who loved and served Your church on earth who now rest from their labours: especially all who have died and entered into their eternal rest in the last year:

- Nelly Keller
- Michael Andrew Duga
- Laura Dora McKee
- Robert Louis Havens
- Erna Hillevi McBride

Keep us in fellowship with all Your Saints until we dine at your Great Marriage Feast in Your Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

**Women's Bible Study:** Advent is more than just a quiet manger scene decorating our living rooms. It's the good news of God entering into our darkness. Together we will take a deeper look at Jesus as "Emmanuel", our "Wonderful Counselor", the "Everlasting Father" and the great "I Am". The arrival of Jesus changes everything. Join us starting **Friday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m.** in person at the church. If you would prefer to join us online through Zoom, please let Louise know (905-329-8579) and the link will be sent to you.

**JELLO-ON-A-STICK IS BACK:** All youth & Confirmands (& friends) are invited to this 1-day retreat hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisherville, on Saturday, November 20, from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost is \$10 for those registered by November 11 and \$12 for registrations received after that date. Lunch will be provided. Contact Louise to register & secure a spot in the van. We will leave from the church at 8:30 am.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE:** Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at **St. John's Lutheran Church, 3837 Netherby Road, Snyder, ON.** Featuring gift baskets, handmade pottery, handiwork, jams, crafts, \$2.00 surprise bags, white elephant table and of course an amazing selection of holiday treats and baked goods. *"For the safety of everyone, masking and social distancing will be in effect. Vaccinations are encouraged and appreciated."*

**LUTHERAN CHURCH - CANADA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:**

Lutheran Young people from across Canada will be gathering together this **July 15-19, 2022 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.** The theme for the gathering is **"IN NOT OF"** from Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ." Information packages are available from Louise. Save the date, check out the website at <http://www.lccnyg.ca>, start following the Facebook and Instagram pages and check out this fun announcement from Pastor Glenn Worcester <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68gXVYofMY>.

**SOAP BRINGS HOPE!** Judy Mason is collecting **NEW** bath towels, body soap (*not bar soap as the law says single use only*), laundry soap (Tide Pods/Gain Flings preferred as it is easier but they are grateful for any type). Call me if you want to donate 905-641-7546 or bring to church in the next week.

**LWML-C/Mary Martha:** We are so excited to invite you to join us at our LWML-C/Mary Martha meetings which will be held **in person!** *We will be still wearing masks and social distancing at our meetings. (You are welcome to bring your own beverage.)*

Nov. 16 – 7 p.m.: Pack socks for Warm Feet for the Street.

Dec. 14 – 5:30 p.m.: Advent Tea

**ALSO:** Our ladies will be gratefully collecting items for **"Warm Feet for The Streets"** again this year. We will assemble them at our November 16th meeting. (*see flyer list in bulletin*). It is such a necessary ministry for the homeless who are living on the "streets". More details in the bulletin next week.

**Last Sunday Attendance: Oct. 31st, 2021    Attn: 9 a.m. – 49; 11 a.m. — 51 ; Total: 100**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or - (--)</u>
Current:	271,175.00	5,214.90	1,337.00	159,335.06	(70,120.71)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	384.62	82.00	14,220.00	(2,703.08)
Property Improvement:			46.00	4,728.00	

**SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOXES** are now available in the narthex. Please return the filled shoebox by Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**BAZAAR SILENT AUCTION:** As part of the Bazaar Judy Mason will be doing a Silent Auction. If people want to donate **NEW** items (*please no used items or clothes*). Best are wine, gift cards, new items. Please call Judy in the next 2 weeks. It will be on Facebook. Details to follow!

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC:** It's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate even when you are not comfortable attending service.

**1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:** Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing at: [http://christlutheransc.ca/?page\\_id=96](http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96) and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to: Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation,

275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3, Attn: Darryl Holland

**2. BY MAIL:** cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church, 140 Russell Ave. St. Catharines, ON L2R 1W1

or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

**3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:** Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church:

<https://lutheranchurch-canada.tng-secure.com/?pageId=donation-edit&categoryId=10972>

select "St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ). This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

## **‘WARM FEET FOR THE STREETS’ KITS**

**For “Out of the Cold”  
LWML-C/Mary Martha Project**

We would appreciate your help by contributing any of the following:

- LARGE socks
- Warm gloves (adult size)
- Scarves
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Lip Balm
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Kleenex (little pkgs.)
- Band-aids
- Combs (pocket size)
- Small Soaps
- Portals of Prayer (or similar, from any month or year)
- Underwear (new)

**Place in the box in the Narthex from now until November 14th.**

We will make up the Kits at our November 16th meeting.

*Remember that everything needs to be small enough to fit into the socks!!!*

If you would like to help, but prefer for us to do the shopping, a donation of money would be terrific too. Thank you for your participation and donations. Contact: Wendy Hyatt



# CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

At “The Watering Can” in Vineland

Doors Open AT 6 p.m.

Workshop Starts Promptly at 6:30 p.m.

TRADITIONAL URN = \$75

proceeds to our Syrian Refugee family

Deadline for sign up and payment is Sunday, November 7th

*If interested please notify Wendy Shook —905-380-6544*

++MASKS MUST BE WORN DURING THE WORKSHOP++

Participants can bring in their own drinks but no drinks or food is to be shared



## NEW FOR THE BAZAAR THIS YEAR:

We still are not holding an “in person” Bazaar this year, but *will do it as we did last year* with a couple new additions. As well as offering you the ability to order Baking or Deli items of your choice on an individual order form, (which will be in the bulletin SOON), we are also adding 2 other features as well.

1. **CRAFTS:** On the last 2 Sundays of November – **Nov.21 & Nov. 28**, we will have a “**CRAFT TABLE WALK THROUGH**” downstairs after each Service. So, in between the 2 Services, and also after the 11 a.m. Service, you may proceed downstairs, via the aisle on the left (Lecturn side), down the back stairs and into the kitchen end of the basement. Crafts that have been donated for this portion of our Bazaar, will be on display for purchase. Following protocol and social distancing, they will be arranged on tables such that you can walk through from the one side to the other, exiting at the opposite side and up the stairs to the parking lot. (Bible class for those 2 Sundays will switch to the carpeted Sunday School end of the basement since the children don't meet on those Sundays)
2. **SILENT AUCTION** will be held online this year. A Facebook page is being created by Judy Mason, which will be an open public group and pictures and descriptions of the items up for bid will be posted there. You can go to the site, make bids, and keep returning to the site as often as you like to see how the auction is going and ‘up’ your bids. The Auction will run for a few weeks in November. Judy will provide exact dates and the name of the page to go to, as soon as it is ready and up and running so stay tuned for more information! Winner's names will be posted on the site after the closing, along with a date for pick up at the church door.



**MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF CRAFTS, DELI AND BAKING WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE COMPLETE LIST OF THE USUAL MISSIONS WE HAVE DONATED TO EACH YEAR, (CLWR, LBT, Haiti, Nicaragua, Medical Missions, Seminary, SOUL and the Refugee Fund) WHEREAS MONEY EARNED THROUGH THE SILENT AUCTION WILL GO SPECIFICALLY TO THE HAITI FEEDING PROGRAMME AND ‘OUT OF THE COLD’ HERE IN ST. CATHARINES**

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2021\*\*\* MARY MARTHA/LWMLC \*\*\*

Again this year, we offer you the opportunity to place your orders for BAKING & DELI ITEMS, using the form with this notice. Drop them in the basket on the table in the Narthex. They will be collected each Sunday OR you may send an order to [carolepink121@gmail.com](mailto:carolepink121@gmail.com)

Be sure to include your email and/or phone # so we can contact you about your order if need be, and to give you the purchase total and pick up date.

**Pick up dates are tentatively: Saturday, Nov. 28 and December 4.**

payment is by cash in the exact amount owed, or cheque. Contact Carole if you have any questions.

**AS ALWAYS, MONIES EARNED GO TO SUPPORT MISSIONS:**

- HAITI Feeding Programme,
- NICARAGUA,
- CLWR,
- LBT,
- SEMINARY,
- MEDICAL MISSIONS,
- SOUL
- REFUGEE FUND

**\*\*\*\*MONETARY DONATIONS also gratefully accepted\*\*\*\***

(Donation envelopes can be found in the Narthex, next to the order forms)

1. Place a donation into the same basket that collects the order forms.
2. A cheque made out to Mary Martha Society can be put into the Offering plate
3. Cash or cheque may be given directly to our Treasurer, Ivy Parkhouse.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** All Deli and Baking items come from an uninspected source.  
They are made by our own ladies with love and care  
Please include any necessary details of your preferences like:

- regular 8" or 9" pie or individual 5" size
- ½ doz. or full doz.
- Raisins or nuts or plain

## **BAKING:**

- LOAVES: \$6.00-7.50 - depending on kind and whether plain or with nuts or raisins (banana, zucchini, pumpkin, lemon, cranberry, date n' nut)
- HALF LOAVES: \$3.50 -4.00
- PIES: 9" - \$9.00 or 10.00 depending on kind  
8" - \$8.00 or 9.00  
5" \$3.50 (any kind of fruit or combination, or raisin, mincemeat, lemon)
- TARTS: 6 for \$5.00 -6.00 - depending on what kind you would like & size
- COOKIES: 6 for \$3.00-3.50  
1 dozen for \$6.00-7.00 depending on variety
- SHORTBREAD: Priced as above, choice of -
  - rolled shaped shortbread
  - drop shortbread
  - plain or with cherries or nuts
- DATE SQUARES: 6 large for \$5.00
- ANY OTHER KINDS OF SQUARES: 6 for \$3.50-5.00 (depending on kind)
- CHRISTMAS CAKE: \$20/loaf or \$10/half loaf  
we also have 5 light fruit cakes and 8 dark fruit cakes that are 2 lbs.
- TURKEY or BEEF PIES: individual serving size \$5.00
- PIEROGIES: 1 dozen for \$5.00  
(choice of cheddar cheese & potato; cottage cheese & potato, or sauerkraut)
- CABBAGE ROLLS: \$3.00-\$3.50 each (depending on size)  
tray of 4 - \$14.00 (very large - limited amounts)

## **DELI:**

*MOST OF OUR CANNING AND PRESERVING HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE SO HERE IS A LIST OF THOSE SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER (on a first to order basis until they run out):*

- 4 jars Peach jam 250 ml -\$4.00
- 4 jars Peach jam 4 oz. -\$3.00
- 5 jars Crabapple jelly 250 ml \$3.50
- 9 jars Salsa - 250 ml \$4.00
- 48 jars Grape jam 250 ml -\$4.00
- 12 jars Cran pepper jelly 250 ml - \$5.00
- 12 jars Habanero Gold hot pepper jelly 250 ml -\$5.00
- 5 jars Lady Rose Relish 250 ml \$4.00
- 5 jars Chili Sauce (not hot) 250 ml wide mouth jars -\$4.00
- 5 jars Beet Pickles pint 500 ml - \$4.00
- 24 jars Peppy Salsa (500 ml) -\$7.
- 2 jars Jalapeno Jelly (250 ml- \$6.
- 4 jars Jalapeno Jelly (125 ml) -\$3.
- 4 jars Jalapeno Pepper Jam (260 ml) -\$5.
- 3 jars Jalapeno Pepper Jam (125 ml) - \$2.50
- 10 jars Apricot Jam (250 ml) -\$4.10 jars Blackberry/Apple jam (250 ml) -\$4.

## **The 'L I T T L E' Things (submitted by Don Fretz)**

- As you might remember, the head of a company survived 9/11 because his son started kindergarten.
- Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.
- One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.
- One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.
- One of them missed his bus.
- One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.
- One's car wouldn't start.
- One couldn't get a taxi.
- The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a band-aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am

- Stuck in traffic...
- Miss an elevator...
- Turn back to answer a ringing telephone ...
- All the little things that annoy me...

I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

Next time your morning seems to be

- Going wrong,
- You can't seem to find the car keys,
- You hit every traffic light,

Don't get mad or frustrated; it may be just that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

**A M E N**

# SCRIPTURE & SONGS

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 7, 2021 + 9 AM Contemporary Worship

### GATHERING

**GATHERING SONG:** *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

**Verse 1:** One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as harsh as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

**Chorus** Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

**Verse 2:** One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

**Chorus** Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

**Verse 3:** One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing  
My Savior Jesus is mine  
O glorious day glorious day  
O glorious day

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## **WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME**

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

I was glad when they said to me,

**Let us go to the House of the Lord!**

Unless the Lord builds the House,

**In vain do the builders labour.**

Surely the Lord is in this place.

**This is the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven!**

You are gracious and merciful, O God,

**Slow to anger, rich in love.**

Receive our prayers and worship as You have promised

**And uphold us by Your Spirit,**

Until all things, mended by Your mercy,

**Are made whole and well in You,**

Through Jesus Christ

**Our healer and our hope. Amen.**

## **KYRIE--PRAYING FOR MERCY**

**Have mer-cy O Lord, have mer-cy O Christ, have mer-cy Lord—**

**Give peace, we pray, give peace, to-day, my Lord--; my Lord--.**

[tune: Israeli – SHALOM]

## **CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS**

To You, O Lord God,

**All hearts are open, to You all desires are fully known. We come to You, moved by Your Word and Spirit, as sinners, confessing our sins. Forgive us in Your mercy. Remember us in Your love. Show us Your way, teach us Your path, lead us in truth and faithfulness, for the sake of our neighbour and for Your sake, O Lord God, in the hope of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

By water, Word and Spirit, our God gives you new birth and through the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His name and in His stead, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

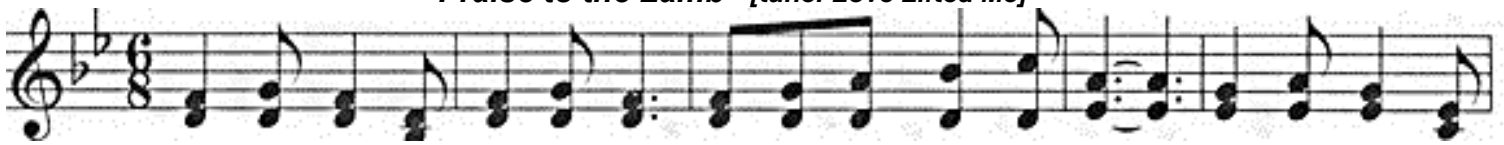
**Amen.**

When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed!

**Praise be to God!**

## GLORY TO GOD

*"Praise to the Lamb" [tune: Love Lifted Me]*



Heav'nly hosts in wor-ship sing, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, cry; He the First and



He the Last, God the Lord Most High. Glo-ry, hon-our, pow'r and praise



be to Him al-one! We, with all cre-ation fall, be-fore His throne.



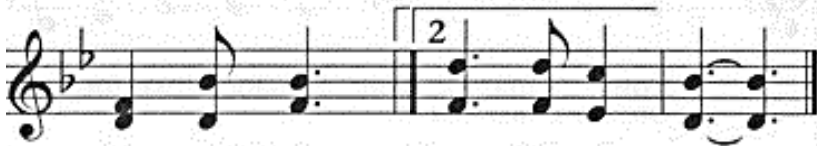
Praise to the Lamb, praise to the Lamb; By His great



off-er-ing, we are set free!



Praise to the Lamb, praise to the Lamb; Now and for-



ev - er - more! --- Praise to the Lamb!

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hear my prayer O Lord,

**Listen to my call for help.**

We pray: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting Father, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE:

### **The First Reading:** *St. John's Revelation 7: 9-17*

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre 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.' This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Epistle:** *1 John 3:1-3*

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SUNG GOSPEL VERSE:

"Halle, Halle, Halle"  
Halle, halle, halle--lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle--lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle--lujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

*[Caribbean melody]*

### **The Holy Gospel:** *St. Matthew 5:1-12*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely\* on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

**GOSPEL SONG WITH CHOIR:**                    *“For All The Saints”*

**CHOIR 1:**                    **For all the saints, who from their labours rest;  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**CHOIR 2:**                    **You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,  
and in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**CHOIR 3:**                    **O may your 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!**

**CHOIR 4:**                    **Oh blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine  
yet all are one within Your great design:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**CONGREGATION 6:**        **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONGREGATION 7:**        **But look! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array  
the king of glory passes on his way!  
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through gates of pearl streams in the countless host--  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**MESSAGE**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

"Create In Me"

[Tune: Sweet Hour Of Prayer]

Cre -- ate in me, cre - ate in me, a clean heart Lord, cre -  
-ate in me; re -- new a spir -- it right in me, cre -  
-ate in me, cre -- ate in me. Your pres - ence ne'er de -  
-part from me, Your Spir - it ne'er re--move from me, re--  
-store to me Your joy so free! Cre -- ate in me, cre - ate in me.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptised.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Thank you for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may imitate the martyrs in bold witness to the gospel.

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We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your spirit to convince them of your love for them in Jesus. And we pray for the struggles of your church. Uphold your people dealing with illness, loss or pain, especially [names added here] that all may have a measure of your blessing and peace;

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our community who have passed away in the past year (*insert names here*). Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being part of the crowd around your throne in heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus holy name we pray. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER "*Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*"

**THE BLESSING:**

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. May you hear His voice and keep His Word.

**Amen, thanks be to God.**

Jesus is the Pathway that leads to life. May You follow in His narrow way.

**Amen, praise be to God.**

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His Word and love.

**Amen. Glory to our God.**

May the Almighty God, the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and always.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

*"Everlasting Arms*

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**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
I have peace complete with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!  
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# LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 3

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 7, 2021 + 11 AM Traditional Worship

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## GATHERING

OPENING HYMN:

*"Blest Are The Pure In Heart"*

*[Franconia tune]*

**Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heav'ns  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul  
will still himself impart,  
and for his dwelling and his throne  
will choose the pure in heart.**

*[William John Hall, 1845]*

## WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made Heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*[Brief prayerful silence]*

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the your Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY [Sung]

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA [Sung]

**Glory be to God on high:**

**And on earth, peace goodwill 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, Heaven'ly 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 art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY [Spoken]**

Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting Father, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**The First Reading:** *St. John's Revelation 7:9-17*

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre 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.' This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *1 John 3:1-3*

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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SUNG GOSPEL VERSE:

*“To God Be The Glory”*

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**To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

**Refrain**

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,***

***Let the earth hear His voice!***

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,***

***Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.***

**The Holy Gospel:**

*St. Matthew 5:1-12*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord. [Sung]**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely\* on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ. [Sung]**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

**GOSPEL SONG WITH CHOIR:**

*“For All The Saints”*

CHOIR 1:

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest;  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

CHOIR 2:

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight,  
and in the darkness drear their one true light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

CHOIR 3:

**O may your 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!**

CHOIR 4: Oh blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine  
yet all are one within Your great design:  
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CONGREGATION 6: The golden evening brightens in the west;  
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## MESSAGE

### GOSPEL RESPONSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
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**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ***"Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name...."***

**THE BLESSING: [Spoken]**

The Lord be with you

**And with thy spirit.**

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

*"Everlasting Arms"*

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**REV. TODD HOEFFS**

**All Saints Day [observed]**

**Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3**

**“Who In The World Are We?”**

**November 7, 2021**

Message for All Saints Day is from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of John, chapter 3: “See what Love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God and that is what we are. The reason that the world does not know us is that it did not know Him...”

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Saints Day is one of the oldest festivals celebrated in the church. Dating back to about 400 AD.

Christians saw fit to honour those who died in the faith at the hands of Roman persecutors.

The name “saint” is itself a misunderstood word.

This morning I picked up a cup of coffee at the Scott Street Starbucks. “going into work I see Todd?”

Yes. What’s going on? It’s All Saints Day. Do you know about that? “Must be for those who’re pretty close to God?!” Well...yes and no. Saints ARE close to God, But not because they’re perfect But because they all belong to Him. A saint isn’t like ancient art depictions of Peter and Paul with halos around their heads.

A saint is anyone who believes in Jesus Christ. A saint is alive or part of the Heavenly Kingdom.

And while we may honour those who have died in the faith, We also celebrate our community of the faithful right here. The Church doesn’t make saints. God makes saints. God the Father loves us, and in loving us gives us a gift of faith so spectacular, so holy, and so glorious, that it actually makes us His own children of God. He makes us saints And as saints, we get everything Jesus has won -- holiness, forgiveness and salvation. We are Jesus’ witnesses. God adopts us as members of His family in the waters of Baptism. God’s Love is defined by making us His children. That’s AGAPE love here.

A love that gives. A love that sacrifices. A love that protects and shelters and guards.

A love that acts for the interests of others. A love that gives up a Son to win back a whole world.

Writer John uses KOSMOS in Greek for the term “world”. KOSMOS is the entire universe, planets, sun, moon, earth...People, animals, plants, sea life, all things. John also uses KOSMOS for the world that God so loved That He gave up His only Son So that all who believe will not perish but have eternal life. A World which did not know Christ. Though He was in the world, the world received Him not. The world did not take the time to listen and wait for Jesus’ appearance. When Jesus became Flesh and dwelled among us, All who received Him by faith God gave power to become His children.

This is what Apostle John is talking about here. When we leave the church today And walk back out into a world Does the world still not know us or know God? Do we make a definitive impression on the outside world as believers in Christ? Have we spoken of God Have we let our faith emanate into the work we do, fill the thoughts we have And motivate the kindness we show? In John’s day believers had been getting put to death because of their faith. The world sure seemed against them.

The world felt unsafe. Jesus died and rose for the world and yet being a believer meant trouble.

Even today, It can be very challenging to imitate Christ in all we say and do. When He calls believers blessed in the Sermon on the Mount: Jesus calls us into chasing the truth, being merciful, and making peace. Even on a good day, it’s hard to live in hope and show mercy, especially when we get ignored.

I know today there is a lot of worry and fretting over persecution in north America. I hear and read of pastors and people talking about it as if its happening And we must go underground, preserve what we have and hide out. I’m not fully sure why one would look for this? It unfortunately distracts all of us from seeing things as they really are. That persecution for the faith comes from other believers, From factions that have grown cold toward peoples’ needs; That apathy and laziness and fear is persecuting us, and has been for decades. In my life time, I’ve seen very little if any mistreatment for being a Christian, But I have seen many, many believers mistreat others, especially those struggling

With doubts and hurts and differences. Perhaps aspects of the church as a global body has become more like the world Which does not know God nor the Gospel of Christ any longer?

We forget we're saints and we still seek to not only figure God out But to be better than He is, That we can somehow know what's best for us. It's an identity crisis. We are God's children.

But we don't know what that looks like. It's easy acting like we're in the dark when we can't see what being a saint looks like. We are in the dark. Sinful shadows hide away our hearts farther away from our belovedness in God. But this sinfulness, this darkness, this identity crisis, isn't the whole picture. We walk by faith not by sight. And we walk as God's children, Which is walking in the light.

We are saints, we are believers, we are baptized into Christ, That is our identity That is who we are And we don't have to worry or search or seek out any other way forward That trusting completely in Jesus Christ. And when trusting, we are hoping, and loving, and caring, and living in peace.

This is what we are made for. Or better still, what we have been re-made for, Re-shaped and re-tooled more and more into the image of Jesus' face. We know what our Father in Heaven has done to us: We know that the life He intends for us is loving and saving and blessing and forgiving and merciful, and we even if [or when] we suffer, Jesus has our back. Jesus protects us Because He has laid down His life for us to make us His Father's children again. All that could keep us away Has been washed away in Jesus' shed Blood The perfect Holy Son Became a dirty crook And made each one of us And the world itself, Filled with dirty sins, Holy and righteous and justified in God's eyes For He sees each of us through the beams of the cross. And so now we are right up there close to God. We are in His Kingdom as fellow inheritors of an eternal place.

And we will one day see this for what it is. When Christ reappears on the Last Day. Then it will all make sense. Because this end times justice belongs to Jesus. You and I can be compassionate *now*.

This is what a saint does in the world. To help, to forgive, to be full of mercy, to rest and rejoice and grow in AGAPE giving love that has saved us and cleansed us and made us children of God.

Until the day the whole world gets to see Jesus for Who He is, We are Jesus' face and hands and mouth and feet in the world. The world will see Jesus by what we do and say. Every one of us here this morning has a story to share. How a life which shows a little wear and tear from trials and struggles Can still praise God and draw strength from Him, Who has adopted us into a family that is eternal. That makes our work not so burdensome, Because what we toil and sweat over is truly guarded in the Heavenly Kingdom. That makes peace making and peace keeping not only a necessity but a joy. To push back against evil [even when its out own evil]

And draw closer through the Spirit into Jesus' Body. Today, as our heart may hurt in the absence of those we have lost and those we miss so dearly, we remember that God doesn't promise to remove our grief from our lives but rather He transforms it. He turns our tears of hurt into tears of compassion As we use our gifts to transform the very KOSMOS world we live in. Eventually, with time, we may see how those we encounter changed us and blessed us even as we helped change and bless them. Despite the chaos of our lives, we come together in the church, in community.

When we walk up here together, Eating Jesus' Body, drinking Jesus' Blood, we commune together not only with each other but with all those wonderful people who've gone to Heaven before us now at rest with Jesus. It is through this entire communion of saints that we face the world.

We are not alone. Christ is with us Christ is in us And the communion of saints Join us in our worship every time we join together our earthly voices. So yes, being a saint does mean we're pretty close to God. And we may begin to trust and treasure, just how deeply we are known and loved by God.

And that in the activity we attempt to do, We will be a real AGAPE loving serving help for those who need it. The world which does not always know us Even the church that doesn't always know us Will no longer expect fear Or wish to hide

But embrace a way forward

As believers As children of God.

For that is what we are.

Amen.



