

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, FALLS CHURCH, VA



PRELUDE

Sing with All the Saints in Glory
Setting: Walter Pelz

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN (Stand) #671

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you
all your sins. 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.

Amen.

KYRIE

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In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

or the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Living God,

Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (Be seated)

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jubilation Choir

Psalm 117
Timothy Shaw

Praise the Lord, all nations, praise the Lord
Praise him, all people, praise the Lord.
For His steadfast love is great to us,
And His truth endures forever.
Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

See 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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand) #677 Sts. 1-3

For All the Saints

- 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!**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter
Glory to You, O Lord.

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

Today we are observing the Festival of All Saints. And as we did last Sunday with the Festival of the Reformation, we’ve decided to use a different Gospel reading than the one normally appointed for this day. The lesson just read, from Luke 20, is simply the next appointed reading in the season of Pentecost – one that continues the narrative as we read through the Gospel account.

But just like last Sunday, this reading works well for our festival observance too. And it may even shed some new light on the day.

The reading describes Jesus speaking about the resurrection. He is in Jerusalem at this point – just days away from his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Everyone is questioning him, especially the established religious leaders. Here the Sadducees take a crack, posing a question meant to undermine his claim that there will be a resurrection from the dead at some future time.

As we heard, Jesus answers their question, even though it was based on a false conundrum and meant more to distract. Jesus then speaks powerfully to the real question at hand, saying in effect: “yes, there will be a resurrection – for God is not God of the dead but of the living.”

In making this claim, Jesus points to words of Moses – ones where Moses relates the “passage about the bush.” We read those verses as our Old Testament reading today. In it, Moses tells how God described himself as “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

To Jesus, this designation was not simply a way for God to say that he was the same God the people’s forefathers knew. Rather, it was also a way for him to say that those forefathers were still alive.

Jesus doesn’t mention it here, but his disciples would recall the time when Moses himself – along with another forefather, Elijah – appeared before them on the mount of Transfiguration. Moses and Elijah, as they could plainly see, were alive. Therefore, why wouldn’t Abraham, Isaac and Jacob also be alive?

Instead, Jesus simply makes the statement: “He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” And for the majority of the people, that was enough. The Sadducee’s position was always a minority one. The prophet Daniel had made the resurrection clear in his writings (chapter 12). Jesus therefore dismissed them quickly and easily.

Jesus’ ultimate answer to the question of the resurrection would come through his own resurrection, accomplished on Easter Sunday. There, Jesus clearly showed that there is life beyond the grave.

Moreover, his ascension into heaven showed that there is no more death for those who have been raised to life. Jesus spoke to this in today’s text by saying of those who are resurrected: “they cannot die anymore.”

Jesus, to use the words of St. Paul, is the “firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20).” His resurrection has paved the way for all of us.

Today on All Saints’ Day we remember those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, and we celebrate two very important facts about them. First, we celebrate that they are alive

and at Jesus' side in the paradise of heaven. Their bodies may lie in the grave, but their souls are with the Lord. Second, we celebrate the fact that someday, when Christ comes again to usher in the new age, the bodies of those saints will be resurrected and reunited with their souls, and they will live thereafter with glorified bodies in the new creation.

Our God is not a God of the dead but of the living. And this fact makes all the difference as we wrestle with the curse of death. For God has overcome that curse, and this means that someday we will see our loved ones again. Today we remember this. And give thanks.

When I said a moment ago that in the life to come we will have glorified bodies, I was again using language from St. Paul (Phil. 3:21, 1 Cor. 15:43). That idea, however, also appears in today's reading as Jesus tells us we will be "equal with the angels."

Notice he doesn't say that we will become angels or that we will be the same as angels. Rather, we will be equal with them in that we will see God face to face, be glorified, and live without dying.

Our second reading today – which, by the way, is a normally-appointed All Saints' Day reading – also speaks to the glory of our life to come. Here John says that "when he appears (meaning Jesus) we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." How glorious that will be!

In addition to the powerful message of the resurrection, there are also three other points of emphasis that should be made on this All Saints' Day. And our lessons today help us with each of them.

First, this day should remind us about how one becomes a saint. Sainthood, according to Biblical understanding, isn't primarily a label given to those who die or to those who are good. Rather, sainthood is a category that includes all who have been saved from sin and death by the blood of Jesus – the "communion of saints" of which we speak in the Creed.

In our text today, Jesus spoke of "those who are considered worthy to attain to that age." And here we should recall that none can be considered worthy on their own. Not Abraham, Isaac or

Jacob; not Moses or Elijah either. Sin disqualifies one from consideration as worthy. These men all sinned... and we all have too. No one is worthy to attain to the future age to come.

And yet Jesus speaks of those who are “considered worthy.” He says this because God will consider people worthy when their sin has been dealt with.

Jesus is the one who has dealt with our sin. He made its forgiveness possible by dying on the cross to pay its penalty.

Those who trust in him can now be assured that their sins are forgiven and that they are worthy of the good life to come.

Paul spoke of all this to the Thessalonians by saying: “This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering” (2 Thess. 1:5).

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus gives two very specific references to this worthiness of ours. First, he says we are “sons of God.” This phrase primarily serves here as a description of people of faith – in opposition to those who only have faith in the world (the “sons of the world”). But it also echoes the language that God and his prophets have always used to describe the relationship between God and those who trust in him.

We heard that language in our first reading today, when God said to Moses: “Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

The apostle John, then reflecting this same understanding, said of Jesus in his Gospel account: “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).

And that same John said in our second reading today: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).

Jesus then gives a second description of our worthiness when he calls us “sons of the resurrection.” This statement from Jesus is unique, appearing only this one time in the scriptures. But the message it gives is abundantly clear: our status as sons of God is made possible by Jesus’ resurrection, and that status includes the fact that we, too, will experience a resurrection someday, as part of our inheritance.

St. Paul explained these same thoughts to the Romans when he said: “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his” (Rom. 6:4-5).

And here we should note, on this All Saints' Day, that the passage just read from Romans is one that we normally read at our funerals. Funerals of Christians are celebrations of the saintly life – given as we are joined to Jesus and continuing in God's presence forever. Saints are children of the resurrection, living with that great joy and promise.

Knowing this then leads us to a third emphasis that should be made on this day. Some people, as we have observed, have lived their lives in a very saintly manner. This is a day to remember them also and give thanks for their witness.

These are people like those mentioned earlier – Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Moses and Elijah too. They were sinners, but they also exhibited great faith. And through them God did great things.

Today is a day to remember all the great saints, including those who were great in our eyes. We've had people in our lives who have served as inspiration and good examples for us. Today, let us remember them in prayer and thanksgiving. God blessed us through them! And through our memories, God blesses us still.

Spend some time remembering those people today. And give God thanks.

Finally, a fourth emphasis to be made on this day regards the encouragement God gives all of us to live in a saintly manner. We see this encouragement in our second reading, where John says: "And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure."

We also see it in a short phrase of Jesus in our Gospel reading. When Jesus says of God: "Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living," he then adds the words: "for all live to him." That little addition gives us a very good reminder of a Christian's aim and purpose in life. We are to live to God – following his ways and trusting in his plans.

Just so you know, the phrase is sometimes translated a little differently, emphasizing more the simple fact that we are alive because of God. But understanding it as I'm sharing here is certainly consistent with other Biblical teaching. I'm thinking especially of passages such as Romans 14:7–8, which says: "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord." And also 2 Corinthians 5:15, which says: "and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

In November of each year, we at St. Paul's encourage one another to live to God by being good stewards. Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for His

purposes. Notice how that definition, which has been adopted by our church body and which we lift up every year, speaks well to the idea of living to the Lord.

This week you will receive a letter from the church asking you to do some thinking about your stewardship. Your thinking should include an analysis of all God has given you – your time, talents and treasure – and how these can best be used in service to God.

The letter will then also ask you to consider making a pledge or estimate of how much of these you plan to give to God's work through the church. Sharing your plans in this way is very helpful to us, and very helpful to you also.

As always, we encourage you to give proportionally, cheerfully and sacrificially. Teaching on these concepts, commended to us in the scriptures, will be given in our upcoming sermons and Bible classes.

Our stewardship reflects our faith. And our faith as Christians recognizes that God gives us joyful opportunities to work with him in his kingdom.

Jesus says of God: "Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." The life God gives is one of holiness – Christ's holiness, shared with his people, and through which we are considered saints.

For all the saints then, and even more for our Savior, let us give thanks. We are children of the resurrection and blessed to live in him. In the name of Jesus, amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand) #677 Sts. 4-8

For All the Saints

- 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!**
- 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!

APOSTLES' CREED

Hymnal, back cover

**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.
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.**

OFFERING

*Offerings support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. **Fellowship Cards** help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In our time of prayer, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever.

*Those members and former members of St. Paul's
receiving Christian burial this past year:*

Carol Folmer, Jim Hagedorn

*also in our prayers are loved ones of our parishioners
who died this past year:*

Pastor Eric Peterson, Lawrence Berg, Stephen Bergstone, Arthur Laemmerzahl,
Linda O'Brien, Harlan Siebrass, Nadine Stuene.

Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

O Lord God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls and all things, into Your keeping. In Your righteousness, deliver us from all that would harm the body and assault the soul. Renew us according to your love and mercy; and strengthen us for service in your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, bless all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care, that the message of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection may be proclaimed to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you show your great love for us by calling us Your children. Bless our families with your love, that husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters may truly care for one another according to your wisdom and your ways. Strengthen all in their family vocations, guide those who are considering coming together as family or adding to their family, and provide for those whose family ties have been lost or broken. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, bless all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. Grant wisdom to our citizens, courage and competence to our leaders,

and grant us peace especially in these days of our elections. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You are our rock and fortress in times of distress. Hear our prayers for those who are sick, suffering or recovering from illness or injury. We especially remember those on our prayer list and those whom we name before you in our hearts at this time... Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, accept the offerings we bring to you today and use them to the glory of your name and the good of your people. Prepare our hearts also to receive your Holy Supper in good faith – granting that we who are nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, though death still claims our mortal bodies You have raised us up in Christ, that we may pass through death to our own joyful resurrection and to the great reunion with those who have died in Christ and now rest from their labors. Receive our thanks for all the saints and hear us on behalf of those who mourn. Today we remember our brothers and sisters Carol Folmer + Jim Hagedorn + Eric, Lawrence, Stephanie, Arthur, Linda, Harlan, Nadine, and all who are dear to us +. May the knowledge of the Light they now see bring us comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY #955 (Stand)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.**



THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together,

we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION (Be seated)

The Communion Assistant will come forward to receive first, then those from the pulpit side – by order of pew, front to back. Communicants will come up the center aisle and return via the side aisle. When all from the pulpit side have communed, the baptismal font side will commune in the same manner. We ask that the wine be consumed away from the tray table. Empty cups should be dropped into the baskets.

*COMMUNION MUSIC Organ Sonata No. 2 2. Ruhig Bewegt (peaceful moving)
 Paul Hindemith*

NUNC DIMITTIS (Stand)

LSB 165

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry
 people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #670

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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| <p>1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
 Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
 Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"
 Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,
 Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
 "Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</p> | <p>2 O higher than the cherubim,
 More glorious than the seraphim,
 Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"
 Thou bearer of the_ eternal Word,
 Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
 "Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</p> |
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**3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Be seated)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

*For All the Saints
Setting: Arthur Hutchinson*

Those serving:

Sunday, November 6, 8:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Rich Kauzlarich
Comm. assist: Rich Kauzlarich
Reader: Judy Koucky

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter: Michael Chamberlain
Comm. assist: Dan Buuck
Reader: Aaron Siebrass

Fellowship: Preschool Committee

Worship Notes

Thank you for worshiping with us at St. Paul's! In worship Christ is present among His gathered people and the Holy Spirit is poured out through Word and Sacrament.

If you have a need or concern that you would like us to lift up in prayer, you may fill out a yellow **Prayer Request Card** and give it to the greeter or pastor. **Restrooms** can be found both downstairs and near the parking lot entrance. Parents can take their children to the **Cry Room** as needed, but we love to have them with us in worship. Before you leave, we ask that you fill out a **Fellowship Card** and place it in the offering box at the sanctuary entrance.

In **the Lord's Supper**, Jesus gives us his true body and blood. This meal forgives our sins and strengthens our faith. The Supper is for baptized Christians who have been taught the faith, examined themselves and share with us in confession. If you are not communing, you may still come forward for a blessing (bow your head or cross your arms). If you're not sure whether you should commune, please speak first to one of our pastors.

We pray that God's love and care be evident to you in our gathering, and that He gladden your heart and give peace to you this day!

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