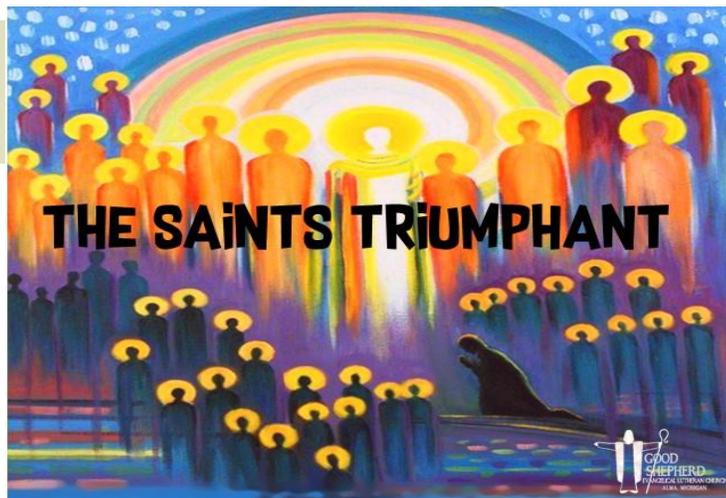


Worship Guide for November 15, 2020

All Saints' Day honors all saints of the church. The day is observed by remembering and thanking God for all saints, both dead and living. It is a day to glorify Jesus Christ, who by his holy life and death has made the saints holy through Baptism and faith.



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

Congregation: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

P: So we begin this day as we began our lives as Christians, with the name of God placed on us and the sign of the cross placed over us. In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN

Around the Throne, A Glorious Band

CW 549

Around the throne, a glorious band, the saints in countless numbers stand,
Of ev'ry tongue redeemed to God, arrayed in garments washed in blood.

They see their Savior face to face and sing the triumphs of his grace.
Each day and night they sing his praise, to him the loud thanksgiving raise:

"Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain, through endless years to live and reign;
You have redeemed us by your blood and made us kings and priests to God."

Oh, may we tread the sacred road that saints and holy martyrs trod,
Wage to the end the glorious strife, and win, like them, a crown of life.



CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: When we are called saints the idea jars us, for we don't see ourselves as saintly people. We are troubled by sinful thoughts. Our sinful weakness shows itself daily. We frequently don't have the patience of a saint with others. Yet we have been powerfully claimed by Jesus Christ. Remembering who we are intended to be, let us come to God's holy place to find forgiveness, healing and empowerment.

All: O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived like saints, holy and blameless in thought, word and action. But with you there is forgiveness. Through the blood of Jesus we are not condemned but loved. We marvel at your grace. Send your Spirit to renew our hearts. Help us to walk more and more in Your holiness. Amen.

P: Because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy has made us alive with Christ. In the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. We join the saints on earth and in heaven praising our gracious God.



READING Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, you holy city, for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter into you. 2 Shake off the dust. Get up and take your seat, O Jerusalem. Loosen the chains from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. 3 Indeed, this is what the LORD says: You were sold for nothing, so you will be redeemed without money. 4 For this is what the LORD God says: In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while. Later Assyria oppressed them without cause. 5 “Now what do I have here?” asks the LORD. Yes, my people have been taken away for nothing. Their rulers howl in mockery, says the LORD. My name is continually despised all day. 6 Therefore my people will know my name. So on that day, they will know that I am the one—the one who is saying, “Here I am!”

READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. 14 Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. 15 In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 25:1–13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; 4 but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ 10 But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ 13 Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

THEME: Check Your Oil



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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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.

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

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



***Close Communion:** Guided by God's word we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of faith and confession. We therefore we ask that only members of the WELS or her sister synods would commune with us. If you have any questions please talk to the pastor.*

THE PREPARATION

P: So that we would more confidently believe and that we would be strengthened in cheerful obedience to his holy will, Jesus has instituted the Sacrament of his Holy Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and blood.

C: Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

CONSECRATION

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven; give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

HYMN

Blessed are the Saints of God

CW 394

Blessed are the saints of God; they are bought with Christ's own blood.
They are ransomed from the grave; life eternal they shall have.
With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

They are justified by grace; they enjoy the Savior's peace
All their sins are washed away; they shall stand in God's great day.
With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

They are lights upon the earth, children of a heav'nly birth
One with God, with Jesus one, Glory is in them begun.
With them numbered may we be here and in eternity.

SPECIAL PRAYERS