

All Saints Sunday

## **“Unsaintly Saints”**

November 6, 2022

### **As We Gather**

Today we celebrate all the saints of the Lord. We especially give thanks to the Lord for those who have completed their earthly lives and are now in the presence of God awaiting the resurrection. But the Bible uses the word “saints” more broadly. It term refers not to the super-spiritual or heroically righteous, but rather to all who trust in Jesus as Savior from sin. What does it mean for our lives that we are called “saints” by grace through faith?

### **Welcome**

### **Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C:** **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

### **+ Commemoration of the Faithful Departed +**

### **Hymn**

### **“For All the Saints” (LSB 677)**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All who by faith before the world confessed,  
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their  
might;  
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight:

Oh, 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!

**Pastor:** We remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions.

*Michael Thomas*

*Jay Adams*

*Rosella Newton*

*Auguste Streich*

## Readings

### Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

“Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> ‘Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn****“For All the Saints” (LSB 677)**

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
 Yet all are one within Your great design.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,

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!

*(Please rise)*

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious Father in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, those whose names have just been read and those whom we now name before You in our hearts (*a time of silence*), whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen

**Hymn****“For All the Saints” (LSB 677)**

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 The King of glory passes on His way.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

**Children’s Church****+ Readings +****Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>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!**

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward 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!**

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sermon**

*“Unsaintly Saints”*

**Offering**

**Musical Offering**

***“I Shall Know Him”***

***Sanctuary Choir***

*Fanny J. Crosby, Patricia Mock, arr. Brian Buda*

When my life work is ended  
And I take my final breath,  
When the bright, glorious morning I shall see;  
I will know my Redeemer  
When I step through heaven’s door,  
Waiting there, the first to welcome me.

*Chorus*

I shall know Him,  
I shall know Him,  
And redeemed by His side I shall stand.  
I shall know Him,  
I shall know Him,  
I shall know Him by the nail prints in His hands.

Oh, the thrill of that moment  
When at last in Him I find  
All the wonder, the beauty of His grace.  
With my whole heart I’ll praise Him  
For His mercy and His love,  
As I look into His blessed face. *Chorus*  
  
Through the gates, to the city  
In a robe of spotless white,  
He will lead me where no tears will ever fall.  
In the song, of the ages  
I will join in joyous praise;  
Having seen my Savior first of all. *Chorus*

**+ Prayers +**

*Please add your prayer requests to the live chat*

**Thanksgivings**

**Pastor:** O Lord, we praise You.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Petitions**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**St. John’s People and Families to Pray for This Week**

Tom, Krisi, Rachel, Brett, Jack, Samantha, & Troy Carey  
Sheila Flory,  
Bob & Doris Klein  
Rawlings Grant  
Ken & Sharon Tews  
Brian, Brittany, Cade, & Kieran Cassayre  
Nick, Suzanna, Jarrett, & Rylan Dalessi  
Devin, Jennifer, & Morgan Knell  
Rella Ramos, Liliana and Lucas Bennett  
Sarah and Vivian Sweet

**+ The Service of Holy Communion +**

**Communion Prayer**

**The 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.

## Words of Institution

Pastor: 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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: Amen.

## Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: Amen.

*(Take and drink)*

## Communion Song

There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say it is well

Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name  
No more sorrow no more pain  
I will rise on eagle's wings  
Before my God fall on my knees and rise  
I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes

## "I Will Rise"

Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name  
No more sorrow no more pain  
I will rise on eagle's wings  
Before my God fall on my knees and rise  
I will rise

And I hear the voice of many angels sing  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the voice of many angels sing  
Worthy is the Lamb  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart  
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**“On Eagles’ Wings” (LSB 727)**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in  
whom I trust!"

Chorus

And He will raise you upon eagle's wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture  
you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:

Under His wings Your refuge,  
His faithfulness Your shield. Chorus

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. Chorus

For to His angel He's given a command  
To guard you in all of Your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash Your foot against a stone.  
Chorus

**Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body  
and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” LSB 680**

Thine the amen, Thine the praise, alleluias  
angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the  
breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the  
harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up,  
lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise  
let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree, all the earth  
on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing, gone the  
pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing, gone the dying what was  
loss lifted high.

Thine the truly, Thine the yes, Thine the  
table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee, Thine the  
glory yet to be  
Thine the ringing and the singing, then the  
end of all the war

Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore,  
evermore.

Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine  
the wonderful surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise, Then the  
justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the  
welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast,  
at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night, no more dying  
only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree, Then the  
Lamb eternally  
Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness  
only Thee, only Thee.

**Offering**

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**Memory Verse for This Week**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you  
are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the  
household of God,  
*Ephesians 2:19 ESV*

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## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
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