

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2020 - 10:00 AM

## Living Springs Lutheran Church

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*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*



*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus... (Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-2)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand as able*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection - we kneel as able)*

**Pastor:** Holy One,

**People:** **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**People:** Amen.

*We focus on the cross as it enters the sanctuary.*

## GATHERING SONG

*"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:  
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones; Text: J. Athelstan Riley; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Cyril V. Taylor*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*We are seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Fink

*Children, youth, and young at heart are invited for a special message. You may collect your coins or dollars at home for the bucket collection and bring them to in-person worship, to the Parking Lot Communion Distributions, or drop them off at the church office. Current collection is for the Disaster Response Fund.*

*For-ward in faith! (clap-clap-clap)*

*For-ward in faith! (clap-clap-clap)*

*Solid in our hope...*

*(God's movin' us) For-ward in faith!*

*For-ward in faith! (clap-clap-clap)*

*For-ward in faith! (clap-clap-clap)*

*With our eyes on Jesus*

**WE'RE RUNNIN' THE RACE!**

**FIRST READING**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

*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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever 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 center 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." (Revelation 7:9-17)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:1-10, 22**

Lector: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**People: I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Lector: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

**People: I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Lector: Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**People: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

Lector: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

**People: Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Lector: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**People: The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

Lector: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

**People: and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

## SECOND READING

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

Lector: A reading from 1 John.

*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. (1 John 3:1-3)*

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*We stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**People: 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." (Matthew 5:1-12)*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We are seated*

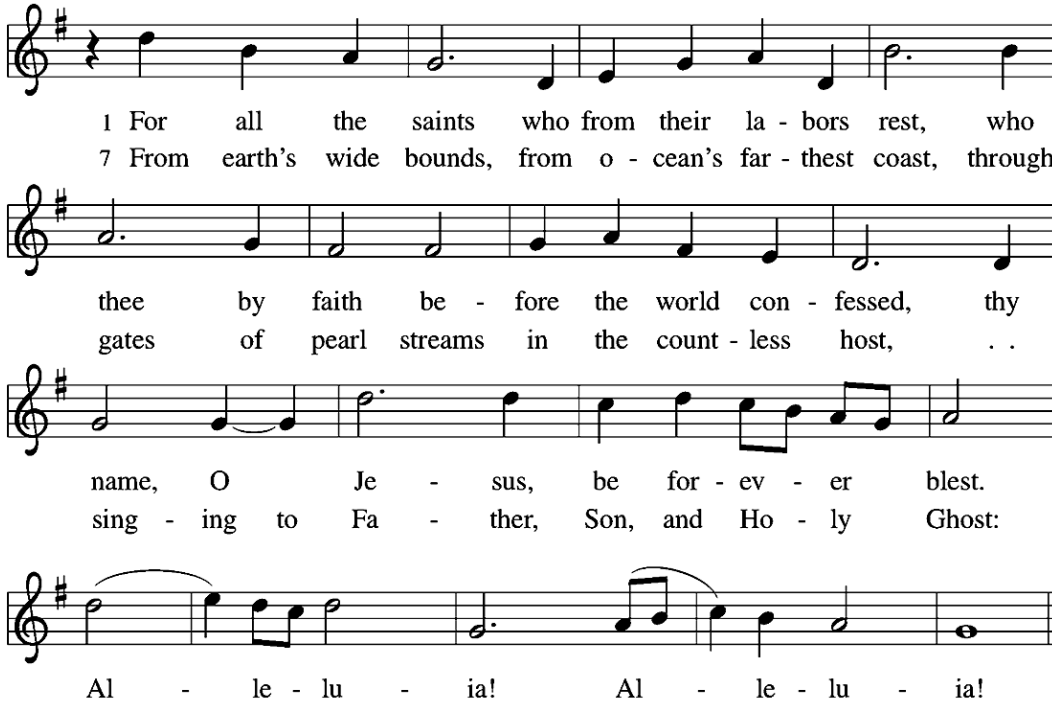
## MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Fink



## HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Saints"



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through  
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .  
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*For All the Saints; Text: William W. How; Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Assist:** Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*+ A brief silence +*

**Assist:** Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

**Assist:** Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.

**Assist:** Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**People:** Your mercy is great.



Assist: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. We pray especially for: *Karl Schmidt; Charles Kauffman; Gwen Brantley; Pat Bartucca; Elise Gerald; Melody Hair; Anne Ducate; Lois Mattson; Elizabeth Maddox; Henrietta Kaiser; Debbie Smith; Tammy Mancuso; Ed Brennan; Margaret Blank; Bunie Talbert; Anthony Lotter; William Appleton; Kelly Koziol; Lila Bell; Wilma Bracey; Charles Levitt; Tommy Williamson; Pat Fenzel; and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud...* Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Assist: Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Through our sung prayer, O God, we lift up to you those persons we cherish, who have died since last All Saints Sunday. We remember them in love, give thanks for their lives, and celebrate the victory of faith through Christ our Lord.

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.  
*(The response to each petition below is:)*



Cantor:	For the life of Colleen Franks	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Robin McMillin	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of JoAnn Pulse	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Sam Gordon	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Brenda Allgood	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of John Berry	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Janie Lynn Bishop	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Steve Deselem	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Brian Kuhlken	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Swayzee LeGrand	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Mary Lommen	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Danny Molina	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Tina O'Leary	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Alan Rogers	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Miriam Simpson	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Daniel Wolinski	People: We thank you, Lord
Cantor:	For the life of Tony Yount	People: We thank you, Lord

Pastor: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### SHARING OF PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

*We greet one another, with the words that the risen Jesus spoke to his disciples: "Peace be with you."*

### OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN

*Offering may be dropped off at the office during the week or sent through the mail. For those who wish to give electronically, you may use the secure Givelify app.*

Google Play



App Store



## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Spirit of love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

+ THE ELEMENTS ARE SYMBOLICALLY CARRIED OUT OF THE CHANCEL +

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*THIS WEEK: Our worship will continue with **distribution of Holy Communion on Sunday from 11:15 - 12:00 pm** in the Parking Lot. We will utilize sanitary-packaged individual communion elements, which have been consecrated during the worship service. There will be an "usher" in the parking lot to direct vehicles to the distribution altar, and the pastor will be there, wearing mask and gloves (he will change gloves after each vehicle). Everyone please remain in your vehicle throughout the process. Once it's your turn, drive up and put your vehicle in park. The pastor will come to your car window(s) to distribute Holy Communion. **AFTER** you have consumed the elements, the Pastor will offer a blessing – and then you can pull away. While in the parking lot, everyone should be in prayerful worship-mode, as you represent God's people gathered to continue the worship experience from the morning service. Think of this in the same way you would think about "coming up to the communion rail for distribution" in your vehicle during an ongoing worship service.*

# COMMUNION REFLECTION

## "Taste and See"

Refrain – All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.  
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

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*The elements are symbolically carried back to the altar.*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

People: **Amen**



## SENDING SONG

### "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

(While we sing, we turn and face the processional cross as it is carried out the center aisle.)

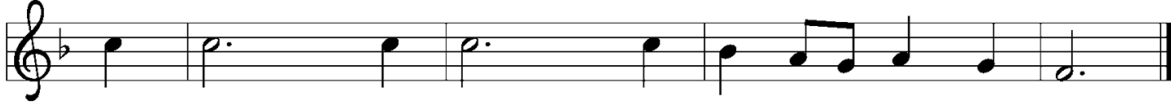


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart; Text: Edward H. Plumptre; Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter*

## DISMISSAL

Assist: Beloved of God, go in peace to run the race and move forward in faith!

People: **Thanks be to God.**



### **OCTOBER "ALTAR FLOWERS" - THANK YOU!**

The following have given monetary gifts in lieu of, or in addition to, the flowers at the altar for our Sunday and Tuesday in-person services:

**October 4:** in memory of parents and in honor of children and grandchildren by Gay Walter.

**October 25:** In honor of the Confirmands: Lauren, Anna, Lina, Preston and Cody for the affirmation of their Baptism today by Steve, Jeanette, and Leslie Bloss.



# God's Love Shared Through You ...



## One Life Deeper in 2020!

Our prayerful goal is that God will work in every LS disciple to have an impact of faith and hope in the life of one person during 2020. **What shoes might they be wearing?** It may be someone you know already—at work, at home, at school, in the neighborhood, in your daily life. It may be a stranger whom God will bring to you this year. How will the Spirit work through you to bring someone deeper in 2020? **Deeper in Christ, Deeper in Grace, Deeper in Love!**

**BUILD RELATIONSHIPS: inviting, involving, mentoring, discipling relationships 1 person at a time!**

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: for the work of God's kingdom in our community and world!**

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE: with those who are hurting, alone, marginalized, or feeling unloved!**

**SHARING GOD'S STORIES: so we do not remain silent about God's ongoing work in the world!**

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

#### *Blessed Are You*

When Jesus sits on the mountain and begins his long sermon in Matthew's gospel, he begins with these statements of blessing. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and so on. Jesus speaks of the positive outcomes of these conditions: they will be comforted, they will inherit the earth, they will be filled. "Blessed are you now," Jesus is saying, as well as "Blessed you will be."

God's promises are for today as much as they are for after we die. We trust that baptized into a death like Jesus' death, we are also baptized into a resurrection like Jesus' resurrection. In baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Proclaimed on a mountain or in the valleys that can come in daily life, our identity as blessed, baptized saints moves us to live in ways that give thanks to God for God's many gifts and blessings.

All Saints Day isn't just about remembering those who have died and whose names may be read during worship today. All Saints Day is about all the saints, the ones who have gone before, those living now, and those still to come. Today we remember with thanksgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died within the past year, and we also give thanks for the saints who labor and worship on this side of heaven's gate.

Today we recall and celebrate with those who have gone before us as we gather at the font and the table, where in water and word, wine and bread, God reminds us, "Blessed are you." We are blessed, and so we live in ways that manifest this blessing for and toward others.

### November Book of the Month: Ecclesiastes & Jonah