

First Lutheran Church, Morris MN

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 1, 2020—All Saint's Sunday

Gathering

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." —Matthew 18:20

Welcoming and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: "Behold the Host Arrayed in White" #425

1. Behold the host arrayed in white like thousand snow clad mountains bright,
that stand with palms and sings its psalms before the throne of light!
These are the saints who kept God's word; they are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing with angels shining bright.
2. On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in heaven's eyes;
before God's throne of precious stone they shout their victory cries.
On earth they wept through bitter years; now God has wiped away their tears,
transformed their strife to heav'nly life and freed them from their fears.
For now they have the best at last; they keep their sweet eternal feast.
At God's right hand our Lord commands; he is both host and guest.
3. O blessed saints, now take your rest; a thousand times shall you be blest
for keeping faith firm unto death and scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God and harvest seeds once cast abroad
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pattern in the seed.
The myriad angels raise their song. O saints, sing with that happy throng;
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice in our redeemer's song!

Greeting:

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

Word 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 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."

Reading: Psalm 34:-10,22

I will bless the LORD at all times; **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; **let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the LORD with me, **and let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, **and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him, and be radiant; **so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, **and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the LORD encamps **around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the LORD is good; **happy are those who take refuge in him.**

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, **for those who fear him have no want.**

The young lions suffer want and hunger, **but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, **and those who put their trust in your will not be punished.**

Reading: I 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.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (response after announcement of Gospel: **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.

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Message

Hymn: “Blest Are They” #728

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| 1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled. Refrain | 2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. Refrain |
| 3. Blest are they, who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. Refrain | 4. Blest are they who see peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. Refrain |
| 5. Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. Refrain | Refrain
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! |

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Service of Remembrance We praise you for all the baptized who have been made saints and members of the Body of Christ, and especially for those baptized since All Saint’s Sunday a year ago: *Emerson Flower, Genevieve Plattner and Olivia Morris-Durkee.*

We praise you, too, O God, for the faith and witness of those who have died since we last observed All Saint’s Sunday: *Betty Kolden, Candace Altonen, Betty Waage, Mary Anderson, Angie Staples, Judy Hickman, Dennis Johnson, Charles Seip and Trevor Warner.*

Apostles' Creed

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 again 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.

Offering/Offertory "Create In Me a Clean Heart" #188

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

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Prayers

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

"Holy, Holy, Holy" pg 144 (red hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Sending

Hymn: "For All the Saints" #422

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, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. 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!

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Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Remember in your prayers

Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, terrorism and violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support. Pastor Alex LaChappelle serving as a pastor of Nairobi International Lutheran in Kenya, Africa. Note: you may honor a loved one and support Pastor LaChappelle in Kenya. Contact the church office for information.