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Saints'  
SUNDAY

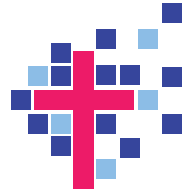


Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
November 1, 2020

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## Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:  
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



*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.*

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# GATHER

WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

PRELUDE

Dean Robinson, organ

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*Improvisation on "For All the Saints" – ELW# 422*

OPENING LITANY

We come to this holy day, we come to this holy space, to remember all the saints who have gone before us, leading us on the pathway of faith, and to give thanks for them to God, the giver of every good gift. May this day be filled with remembrance and reverence, with gratitude and grace, with comfort and with joy. Amen.

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!  
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:  
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

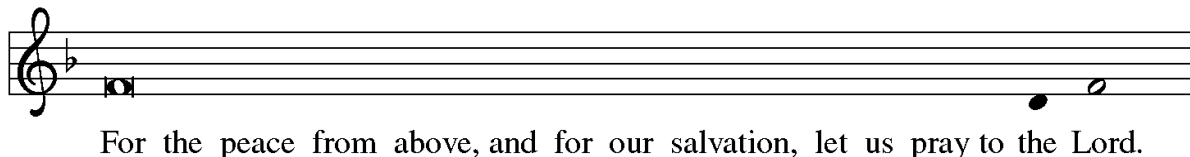
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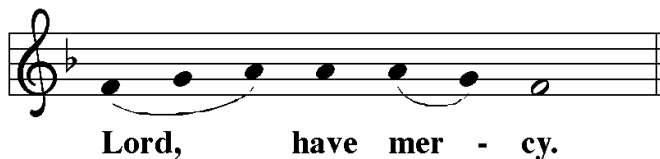
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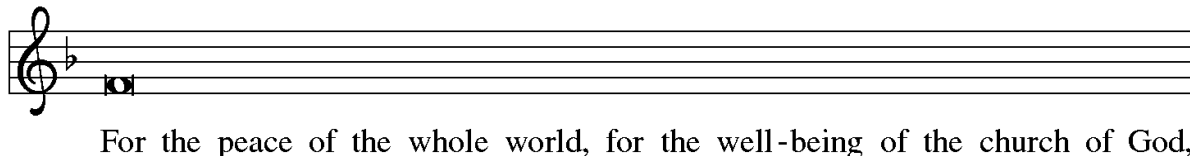
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



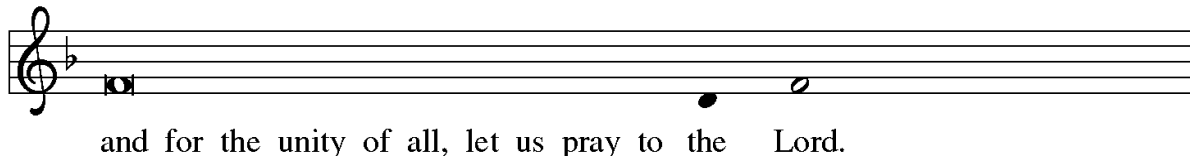
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



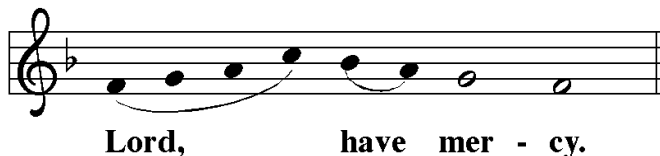
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



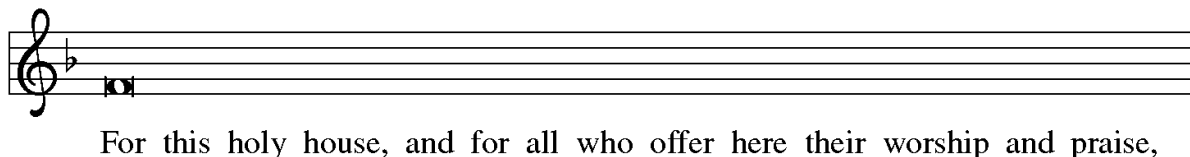
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



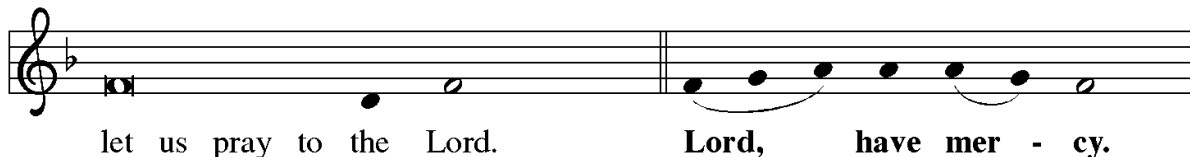
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



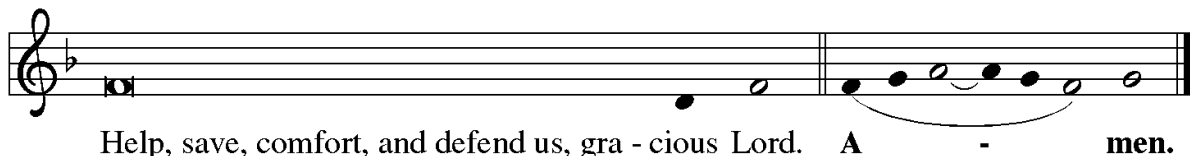
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE

## ELW Holy Communion: Setting Three

*This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

1. Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

2. Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

*Refrain*

Bless - ing, hon-or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

*Refrain*

4. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: 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.



## LESSONS

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### THE FIRST LESSON

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*Isaiah 25:6-9 (NRSV)*

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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THE PSALM

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*Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (NRSV)*

*Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)*

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>I will glory | in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's | name together.
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the Lord, who | answered me  
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord| and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me  
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord  
and de- | livers them.
- <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the | Lord is good;  
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
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## THE SECOND LESSON

*Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV)*

*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.*

## L A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>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."

## L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## ELW Holy Communion: Setting Three

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)*

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<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 receive 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 for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Dave Thomas

*Set Apart By God*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #422

*For All the Saints*

verse 1, 2, 3, 6, 7



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

*continued...*

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

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

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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OFFERING

Dean Robinson

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*Sing with All the Saints in Glory – ELW #426*

#### ALL SAINTS LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Christ the Lamb enthroned above, you open your arms to receive our loved ones home. In Christ all saints arise.

At their baptism, you called them to be your own and invited them to follow your will. Now, by your grace, you open up the gates of heaven where you have prepared a special place for them. In Christ all saints arise.

Through the years, your faithful people have made our lives rich with meaning and we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving and praise. In Christ all saints arise.

Today we remember those who touched our lives deeply and who now reside in your heavenly kingdom. In you, our loved ones live on forever!

*Reading of the names of members and associates  
who have died since last All Saints Day, with tolling of the bell.*

In hope, we await the blessed reunion of all your saints when you come again. In you, we, too, shall rise and live forever! Amen.

#### 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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

God who in the beginning initiated creation  
Who brought into being all that is  
Who declared the world and all its creatures "good";

God who throughout history has proven to be faithful  
Who sent us prophets and poets and faithful people to guide us  
Who sent us his Son, who sets us free;

God who is present in all our todays  
Who comforts the grieving and cares for the sorrowful  
Who defeated death and the grave through the Resurrection of his Beloved;

God who has promised us a future filled with hope  
Who calls us to live hopefully in this life  
Who one day will call us to live with all the saints in the life to come;

God who is Source and Savior and Sustainer  
Who is ever one yet ever three  
Who is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega;

Bless you this holy day of remembrance and rejoicing  
With grace and hope and love  
With faith and joy and light  
With comfort and confidence and compassion.

Go forth, you saints of God. Go forth in peace, to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart



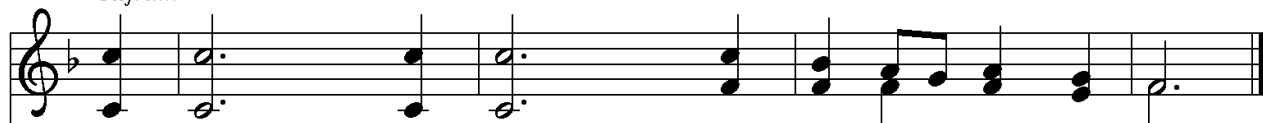
1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.



Refrain



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



Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

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

SENT TO SERVE

A Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."

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**C** **Worship God,**  
**Grow in Faith,**  
**Share the Gospel,**  
**Serve Others,**  
**Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!**