

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 1, 2020 - All Saints Day

Welcome *Today we would like to thank Don Wilker for reading the lessons.*

Greeting

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

Remembering the Saints (written by Rev. Mindi, on her [Rev-o-lution](#) website.)

L: We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

C: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

L: We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

C: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

L: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

C: Family of our faith, we remember you.

L: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters,
husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

C: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

L: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. (*We will read the names of those who have died in the past year. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to light a candle, remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.*)

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts. (*We will pause and pray for those whom we remember. You may light a candle if you wish.*)

C: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

L: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

Song – Rejoice in God’s Saints ¹

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone’s cross, or shoulder their own:
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience is caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, lead us to you.

Prayer of the Day

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

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

² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹ O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Reading: 1 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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 5:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Reflection

Song: Give Thanks For Saints²

Give thanks for saints whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak; the strong, who once were weak.

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God had planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love in pure, a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do and inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own, God's love through them is known.

Prayers of the People

We pray: *Lord, in your mercy...* and respond: *Hear our prayer.*

Holy Communion (Zoom Only)

The Lord's Prayer

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

C: 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, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Song – For All Your Saints, O Lord³

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.

For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in three, the three in One, by endless praise addressed.

Dismissal

L: Go now in peace. Christ is with you. *C: Thanks be to God*

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