Divine Service, Setting Three
All Saints Sunday
7 November 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: "SEEK YE FIRST"  
LSB 712

1  Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
   And His righteousness.  
   And all these things shall be added unto you!  
   Allelu, alleluia!

2  Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
   Seek and ye shall find,  
   Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
   Allelu, alleluia!

3  Man does not live by bread alone,  
   But by ev’ry word  
   That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
   Allelu, alleluia!

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Stand

P  In the name of the Father and of the -I- Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C  Amen.  
P  Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father,  
beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
P  Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C  who made heaven and earth.  
P  I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C  and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P  O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C  I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever  
offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry  
for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake  
of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious  
and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**A RITE OF REMEMBRANCE ... ♫ “FOR ALL THE SAINTS”**

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 were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
         Alleluia! Alleluia!

For God alone my soul waits in silence, from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall never be shaken.
For God alone my soul waits in silence; for my hope is in him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall never be shaken.
From the depths of the earth you bring me up again, O God, for you are my rock and my fortress.

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!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.
He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Therefore, 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, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness.
We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors.
Those who have died as members of St. Paul Lutheran Church during the past year:

- Monroe Prellop – December 27, 2020
- Caroline Noack – April 17, 2021
- Hattie Schautschick – May 12, 2021
- Rev. Paul Hartfield – June 19, 2021
- Frances Roeber – July 16, 2021
- Hattie Mutschink – October 5, 2021

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends...

- Robert Yurk – father of Wesley Yurk
- Roy Becker – father of Randall Becker
- Sandy Christiansen – grandmother of Sydni & Paige Havel
- Howard Muniz – uncle of Robert Muniz
- Franklin Richter – brother-in-law of Willard Albrecht and Milton Albrecht
- Amanda Wolf – sister of Daniel Schulze
- Werner Jatzlau – father of Doug Jatzlau
- Gloria Jatzlau – mother of Doug Jatzlau
- Larry Schmidt – father of Rev. John Schmidt
- Christopher Baker – father of Gabrielle Teinert
- Marty Stanfield – husband of Angie Stanfield
- Robert Ray – father of Shane Ray
- Ricky Iselt – brother-in-law of Doug Jatzlau
- Virginia Wilkins – mother of Tommy Wilkins
- Doyle Hembry – father of Lisa Schmidt and Pam Krause
- Esther Gaston – sister of Rev. Paul Hartfield
- Melva Richter – mother of Lavonne Berdoll
- Nellie McCormack – mother of Heather Perry
- Mike Webb – cousin of Jason Heuermann
- Mary Sue Canales – cousin of Nancy Kasper
- Dr. Vince Stewart – father of Conner Stewart
- Michael Albrecht – brother of Kim Droegemueller
- Thomas Hudson – father of Jackie Short
- Rev. Otto Brillinger
- Keri Wolf – wife of Michael Schmidt
- Rudy Meyer – father of Christi Bradford
- Cindy Lehmman – friend of Shane & Melissa Ray and Johnathan Noack
- Sharon Bamsch – niece of Marvin & Charlyn Matthijetz and Dennis & Bernice Zoch
- Harvey Symm – brother of Michael Symm
- Nancy Lambert
- Gussie Schramm – son-in-law of Arthur & Laverne Urban
- Bernell Teinert – mother of Glenn Teinert
- Daniel Pietsch – friend of Glenn & Lisa Teinert
Randy Smith – father of Joshua Smith
Stephen E. Lorenz – son of Marvin & Ruth Lorenz
Claud Kissman – cousin of Marvin Matthijetz
Susan Jatzlau – friend of Jennifer Wenke

Into your hands we commend them, O merciful Savior, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blест.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, 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!

Stand

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Sit

FIRST LESSON REVELATION 7:2-17
Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

SECOND LESSON 1 JOHN 3:1-3
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Stand

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 5:1-12
Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
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.

CATECHETICAL VERSE

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"  

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
   Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
   What more can He say than to you He has said  
   Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
   For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
   I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
   Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
   I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
   That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
   I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
   My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
   The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
   Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
    My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
    And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
    Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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SERMON: “HOW IS YOU HEALTH?”

BY PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Lift up your hearts.
♫ We lift them up unto the Lord.
♫ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
♫ It is meet and right so to do.
♫ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy
    Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen
    creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death
    upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting.
    Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your
    glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna,
    hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
    Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

♫  The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫  Amen.

AGNUS DEI

♫  O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"  LSB 783

1  Take my life and let it be
   Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
   Take my moments and my days,
   Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2  Take my hands and let them move
   At the impulse of Thy love;
   Take my feet and let them be
   Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3  Take my voice and let me sing
   Always, only for my King;
   Take my lips and let them be
   Filled with messages from Thee.

4  Take my silver and my gold,
   Not a mite would I withhold;
   Take my intellect and use
   Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

5  Take my will and make it Thine,
   It shall be no longer mine;
   Take my heart, it is Thine own,
   It shall be Thy royal throne.

6  Take my love, my Lord, I pour
   At Thy feet its treasure store;
   Take myself, and I will be
   Ever, only, all for Thee.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♫ “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”

1 Children of the heav’nly Father
   Safely in His bosom gather;
   Nestling bird nor star in heaven
   Such a refuge e’er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
   In His holy courts they flourish.
   From all evil things He spares them;
   In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
   From the Lord His children sever;
   Unto them His grace He showeth,
   And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
   God His children ne’er forsaketh;
   His the loving purpose solely
   To preserve them pure and holy.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♫ “YOUR TABLE I APPROACH”

1 Your table I approach;
   Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
   Let not an unrepentant heart
   Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins
   And mourn their wretched bands;
   A contrite heart is sure to find
   Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,
   Once slain and shed for me,
   Are taken at Your table, Lord,
   In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,
   This wondrous mystery;
   God can accomplish vastly more
   Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
   That earth and hell combined
   May not about this sacrament
   Raise doubt within my mind.
Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth forever.
Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING” LSB 922

Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.
2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
   At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
   What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story;
   Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
   At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
   Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
   Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit’s power filled you;
   Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
   Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
   And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
   And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
   Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
   And give you peace.

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SILENT PRAYER

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