

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Observing All Saints' Day

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OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677

**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!**

**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!**

**Oh, may Thy 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!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

#### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the 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.**

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 deserve 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.**

P: 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.

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### INTROIT

P: “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.” In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P: “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.”

KYRIE      **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. 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 joy You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons 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 others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

LSB 673

**Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?**

**O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.**

**They gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs as nowhere else are seen.**

**There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels swell and evermore do sing.**

**Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below will join the glorious band.**

**O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore with all Thy saints above.**

SERMON: "They Will See God" Text: Matthew 5:8

HYMN

O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day. Especially we remember: (names of recently departed are named).

HYMN

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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels, with Judy, Carol, Barbara, Jan, Magnus, Carol, Lars, Eileen, Doris, Edwin, Mary, Robert, Margaret, Brian, Mary

Beth, Julie, June, Wayne, Laurie, Vernon, Mike, Dave, Jack, Cindy, Sue, Pat, Ken, Ernest, Dennis and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE 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.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** 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.**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

LSB 669

**Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet accord  
And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing, Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav'nly King, But children of the heav'nly King,  
May speak their joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad.  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

**The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Before we reach the heav'nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets, Or walk the golden streets.  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, We're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
To fairer worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.**

**Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl, While round God’s golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl, And joyous praise the Son!  
They watch Him now descending To visit waiting earth.  
The Lord of Life unending Brings dying hope new birth!**

**He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: “This is My flesh and blood!”  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness This gift of holy food.  
All human thought must falter—Our God stoops low to heal,  
Now present on the Altar, For us both host and meal!**

**The cherubim, their faces veiled from light, While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav’n beyond us, Time with eternity!**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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.**

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: And His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

**Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—  
The promise of salvation, The place of peace and rest—  
We know not, oh, we know not What joys await us there:  
The radiancy of glory, The bliss beyond compare!**

**Within those walls of Zion Sounds forth the joyful song,  
As saints join with the angels And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever with them; The daylight is serene;  
The city of the bless-ed Shines bright with glorious sheen.**

**Around the throne of David, The saints, from care released,  
Raise loud their songs of triumph To celebrate the feast.  
They sing to Christ their leader, Who conquered in the fight,  
Who won for them forever Their gleaming robes of white.**

**O sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country That faithful hearts expect!  
In mercy, Jesus, bring us To that eternal rest  
With You and God the Father And Spirit, ever blest.**