



November 1, 2020 - ALL SAINTS DAY

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 725 "Children Of The Heavenly Father"

1. **Children of the Heavenly 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.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: In today's Epistle, John writes, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God.

(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

All: Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we so often set our minds on the things of this world and not on the world to come. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: "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" (1 John 3:2-3). As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Pastor: "I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them'" (*Revelation 14:13*). On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, and whom God in His mercy has summoned to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed family, friends, and members of our congregation who have gone before us in the faith. We offer thanksgiving for the blessings they have brought to our lives but especially for their faith in Christ as their Savior and we hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn Response: LSB 677 "For All the Saints" vs. 1, 2, & 3

- 1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ 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."¹⁵ "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. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat."¹⁷ 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Response: LSB 677 “For All the Saints” vs. 4, 5, & 6

4. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine.
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia.**
5. **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.**
6. **The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia.**

Epistle Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears^[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Response: LSB 677 “For All the Saints” vs. 7 & 8

7. **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.**
8. **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.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn: LSB 676 "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" vs. 1

- 1. Behold a host arrayed in white, like thousand snow-clad mountains bright.
With palms they stand; Who is this band before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame. Who from the great affliction came,
And in the flood of Jesus' blood are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring as they all sing with angels shining bright.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All: 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.

Prayer of the Church

Communion Liturgy

Pastor: Today we celebrate especially that the Lord's supper is not bound by time and space. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood this morning we are united with all Christians everywhere and at all times. As we commune with each other this morning we are also communing with those who have gone before into heaven and now feast at the banquet of the Lamb. We approach the Lord's Table humbly, acknowledging that we have no right to the Lord's gracious gift.

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the 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 and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood, and join in unending praise with all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Christ's Words of Institution

Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Lord God, as You have been present with us through Word and Sacrament in this place, grant us the comfort of Your presence in all our activities, that wherever we go and whatever we do, we would bring glory to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn: LSB 676 "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" vs. 3

3. **O blessed saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word, Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod; You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring your fruits and sing Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song; O saints sing with the happy throng.
Lift up one voice; Let heaven rejoice In our Redeemer's song.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of November 1, 2020

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**PRAY FOR: James Sharp & Joseph Highley Families
Grace, Lamar - Rev. Galen Friedrichs**

Prayers of Condolence

Dustin & Leah Miller – (Friends of Gladys Bauer - Peace and comfort on passing of their son, Kashton)

Kerry Powell – (Brother of Bernie Thomas – health and healing from MRSA)

Cody Priest – (Nephew of Dennis Doss – health and healing from a broken leg)

Don Blalack – (Brother-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)

Pastor Cliff Loman – (Health and healing from blood clots)

Michael Lampe – (Pastor's son – health and healing)

Vincent Lindstrom – (Joan Wolf's Dad – health and healing)

Mary Cantrell – (Sister of Edith Chambers – health and healing)

Tonya Janes – (Friend of Jennifer Lampe – health and healing from cancer)

Bob Painter – (Friend of David Lampe - Health and healing from surgery)

Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)

Samantha Kennedy - (Friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Corey Gregory - (Friend of Leah Henbest—health and healing)

Rick Knutson – (Friend of Grace - health and healing)

Milton Johnson – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)

Cindy Yang – (Friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing from cancer)

Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)

Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)

Helen Springer - (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	November 1st	Service ONLY – 10:00 am
Wednesday	November 4th	Pastor in office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	November 5th	Pastor in office
Sunday	November 8th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am

Birthdays this week: None
Anniversaries: None

Plus One will be collecting non-perishable food for the Harvest Church community food pantry for the month of November. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information.

Grace Delegate for District Convention: Grace can send a Delegate and Alternate to the Missouri District convention in Columbia, MO, on June 13-15, 2021. If you have an interest, see Pastor or an Elder before November 22nd.

Grace Nominations for District positions: Grace can nominate a layperson for Board of Directors, Council on Mission and Ministry, and Committee on Nominations. If you have an interest, see Pastor or an Elder before November 22nd.

PASTOR: Pastor will continue to have time at the church. But the best way to contact him is by his cell phone which you can do at any time (417-366-3597). If he does not answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

Men's long sleeve button-up dress shirts are being collected by Sue Doss for the Dress A Girl program. This is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International – a non-denominational independent Christian organization that has been making dresses since 2006. The chapter working here locally is Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri. You can learn more at the Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri Facebook page. If you have any shirts, please get them to Sue. They do not have to be new but they do need to be in good condition and clean.



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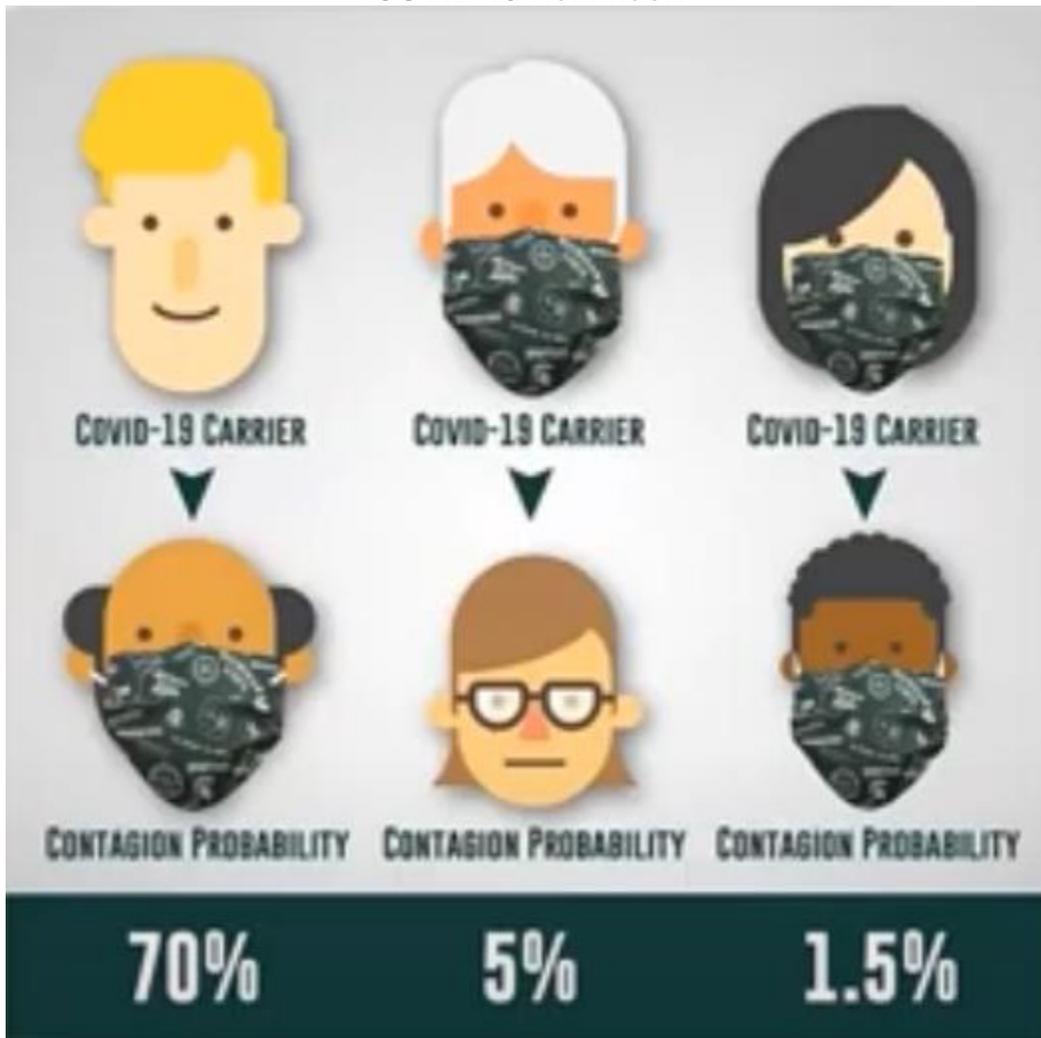
GREETERS

- 01– Sue & Dennis Doss
- 08– Charlie & Edee Chambers
- 15– Bill & Joanne Michel
- 22– Dale & Diane Smith
- 29– Bernie & Shari Smith

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- 01-Bill Michel
 - 08-David Lampe
 - 15-Dennis Doss
 - 22-Don Wolf
 - 29–Charlie Chambers
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COVID-19 Reminder:



LWML MITES - Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. In the 1953 LWML convention, the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings was reaffirmed. It was suggested that LWML members put their pennies in their Mite Box at the end of each day or empty all their loose change into the box on a specific day of the week. When the Mite Box offerings are collected, the local groups submit these offerings to the district LWML officer. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #16 — Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow
LCMS School Ministry — \$80,000**

A large number of Lutheran school administrators are projected to retire from service in the next few years, causing a tremendous void in critical leadership. The LCMS School Leadership Development (SLED) Program has been initiated to help resolve this situation. Its purpose includes identification and recruitment of leadership participants who serve in Lutheran schools and train them through events conducted by LCMS School Ministry. For more information on this mission grant, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-16.

LWML Mission Grant #16 for the 2019-2021 biennium is "Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow." This project seeks to strengthen and revitalize Lutheran schools by training school leaders to serve as vital and effective administrators. It is our prayer that through this mission grant God's children will be well served so His kingdom can expand. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-16.