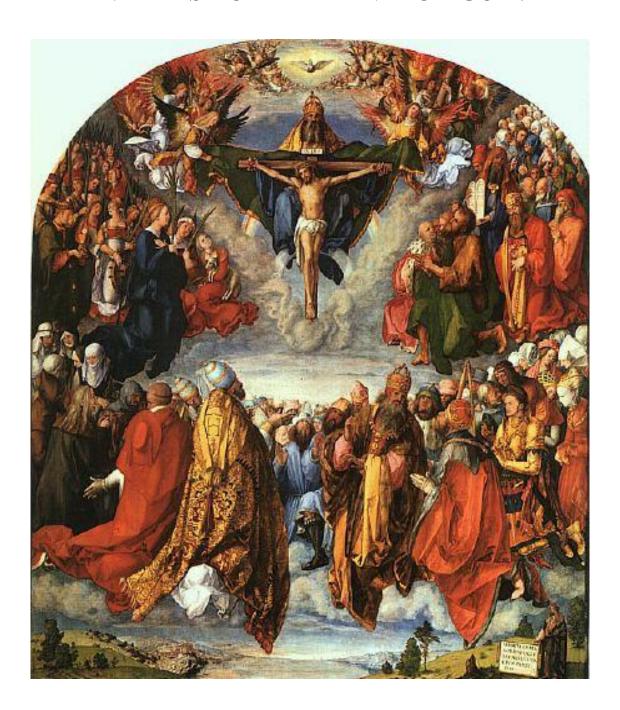
JOINING THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN - IN PRAISE OF THE LAMB OF GOD!



WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome To All Our Visitors

We'd like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone in our Savior's Name! We are glad to have you worshiping with us, as we celebrate All Saints' Day! The entire order of service this morning, including the hymns, is printed in *this* service folder. If you do not have a church home, and would like to find out more information about joining Trinity Lutheran Church, please indicate your desire on the Attendance/Communion card in the pew holders, that you would like a visit from our pastor. He will be glad to visit with you.

Because we will be celebrating Holy Communion during today's service, we encourage all of our visitors to prayerfully review our communion practice, which is listed below.

Holy Communion And Fellowship In The Christian Faith

The Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, given by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink, for the forgiveness of our sins. This "real presence" of Christ is not "make believe". Although we cannot fully comprehend it; nevertheless, Jesus said "*This IS My Body given for you......This IS My Blood shed for you.*" However, because we are truly receiving the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, God's Word also teaches us that the Lord's Supper can actually be taken to one's harm: if one does not believe that in the supper we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ (see I Corinthians 11:27-32), or if one is not repentant of their sins, or if one does not truly understand what the Lord's Supper is and what it gives.

Furthermore, Holy Communion is also the most intimate expression of our oneness in Christ, and of our unity in the Christian faith on this side of heaven. Therefore, out of love for our guests, if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we would humbly ask that you not commune with us <u>yet</u>, until you have had an opportunity to join us for a study of the Christian faith. We do this so that no one takes the Lord's Supper wrongly, to their harm. And we also do this as we strive to uphold <u>true unity</u> in the Christian faith, in all that God's Word teaches us.

However, guests are <u>always</u> welcome to come to the communion rail, bow their heads and fold their hands as the bread and the wine are passed, to receive a prayer of blessing from our Pastor.

ALL SAINTS' DAY - THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Organ Preludes

The Opening Prayer

(Please Rise.)

Pastor: Blessed are all Thy saints, O God and King, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of this life, and have made it safely to Thy heavenly harbor of peace and life, where there is no more night or darkness, suffering or death.

Watch over us who are still on our dangerous voyage, and remember all who lie exposed to the rough storms of sin, trouble, and temptation; for frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide. But as in Thy mercy Thou hast set our course heavenward, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, so steer the vessel of our life, toward Thy everlasting shore of peace. Then bring us at last, we pray, to the quiet haven of our heart's desire; to live with Thee, where Thou, O God, art ever blessed, and where Thou livest and reignest with all Thy saints and angels forevermore. Amen.

(A Prayer of St. Augustine, adapted.)

During the Invocation, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

The Invocation And Hymn: "Ye Watchers, And Ye Holy Ones" LSB 670

(Stanzas 1-4, interspersed.)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain: 'Alleluia!'

Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Pastor: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven, we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying......

2. O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the Seraphim, Lead their praises: 'Alleluia!'

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord: 'Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Pastor: To Him Who sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be glory forever and forever!

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:

'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Ye holy Twelve, Ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant raise the song:

'Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!

4. O friends in gladness, let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:

'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

To God the Father, God the Son, And God, the Spirit, Three in One:

'Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!'

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The Confession Of Sins

ALL: Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your holy ways. Many times we have willingly lost the way home to heaven – Jesus Christ, our Savior. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not done those things which You asked of us; and there is no health or life in us. Have mercy on us, O God. Spare all who confess their sins; and restore all who are repentant. We have nowhere else to turn, O Lord, but to Your grace to us in Christ – for upon Him You laid the iniquities of us all; and by His stripes, we are healed. For His sake, grant us Your forgiveness, and grant that we may live Godly lives, to the honor and praise of Christ's Holy Name, until we live with You in heaven.

The Lord's Absolution

Pastor: Jesus Christ has conquered death, and brought life and immortality to life through the Good News of His forgiving death, and His victorious resurrection. He assures all who confess their sins: "There is now NO condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!" Not only has His wrath been removed from you, but His neverending life has been given to you, as He promises us, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in Me, will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die eternally." Therefore, in the stead, and by the command of Jesus, I say to you, "Be of Good Cheer! Your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Whose people are knit together in Your One, Holy, Christian Church – the Body of Christ. Grant us Your grace to follow Your blessed saints, in faith and sweet service to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant that we may be found faithful, even unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life in Heaven; and there to know fully, the inexpressible joys which You have prepared for all 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.

ALL: Amen!

(Please be seated.)

The Service of the Word

The First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

[&]quot;Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

[&]quot;Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know."

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 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
Never again will the sun beat upon them with scorching hear.' [a]

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' [b]

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'[0]"

Pastor: This Is The Word Of The Lord!

People: Thanks Be To God!

The Epistle Lesson

1st John 3:1-3

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, ^[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Pastor: This Is The Word Of The Lord!

People: Thanks Be To God!

The Hymn For The Commemoration Of The Faithful Departed

"For All The Saints"

LSB 677, stanzas 1-8, interspersed.

- 1 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!
- 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! 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! Alleluia!

The Remembering Of The Faithful Departed - See Insert.

(Please Rise.)

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

(Please Be Seated.)

- 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! 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! Alleluia!

Prayer Of Thanksgiving For The Faithful Departed

(Please Rise.)

Pastor: Gracious Father, in Jesus we remember with thanksgiving those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore. We give You thanks, together with that heavenly multitude of saints – which no man can number – whose hope was the cross and empty tomb, and with whom we are one in Christ Jesus, our Savior! As You have so graciously received our brothers and sisters in Christ, and given to them the crown of eternal life, bring us at last, into the Light of Your Glorious Presence, in Paradise, so that with all Your saints and angels, we may praise You, and live with you forevermore.

ALL: Amen!

- 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! 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! Alleluia!

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Matthew 5:1-12

- 5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pastor: This Is The Holy Gospel Of The Lord!

People: Praise To You, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

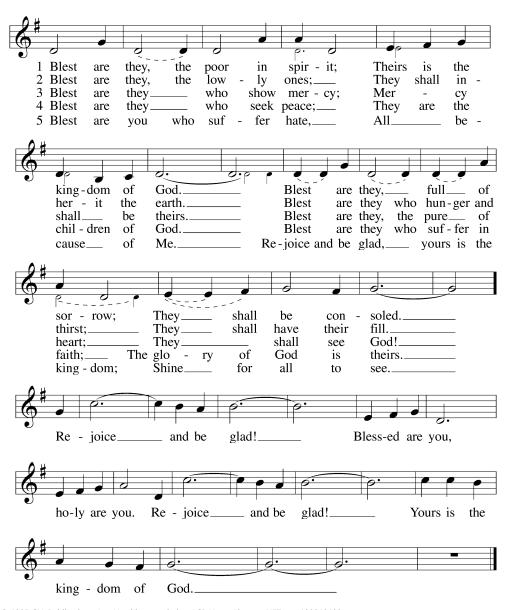
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blest Are They

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The Sermon

The Offering

The Prayers Of The Church

(Please Rise.)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God, and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, when this busy world is hushed, the fever and suffering of this life is over, and our work is done. Then Lord, in Your mercy, grant us a blessed death, a safe lodging, a home in heaven, and peace at last, through Jesus, our Savior.

ALL: "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never, ever die.'

Pastor: We remember those who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross, who were baptized into Christ's forgiving death and victorious resurrection, who heard the the Easter truths of the empty tomb of Christ: 'Do not be afraid! He is risen from the dead, just as He said!'; and who shared in the supper of our Risen Savior. And we rejoice with those who have gone before us into the mansions of Heaven.

ALL: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the end He will stand upon the earth, and though my skin be destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God, with my own eyes I will see Him. Oh, how my heart yearns within me!'

Pastor: O Lord, we remember with thanksgiving all those who have loved and served You in Your church on earth, who now rest from all their labors. We especially remember those most dear to us......, and all whom we name in our hearts before You. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints in heaven and on earth, and bring us at last to the marriage feast of the Lamb, in Your kingdom which has no end.

ALL: 'Where, O death is your sting? Where, O grave is your victory? Thanks be to God, He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord!'

Pastor: We pray for Your church's proclamation of Jesus' victory over death to all peoples.

ALL: Lord, may Your saving Gospel be proclaimed faithfully to all, and be believed by many, for their salvation, in these last days, before You return in Glory!

Pastor: We pray for our nation, O Lord, that You would lead us to repent of our many sins; and we pray that You will give us leaders who will faithfully serve You in office.

ALL: O Lord, forgive our sins, heal our land, and grant us Your continued blessings.

Pastor: O Lord, abundantly pour out the gifts and fruits of Your Holy Spirit on Your people.

ALL: That we, Your church, may follow the example of the saints in faith and service.

Pastor: We pray for all the sick and suffering.....and for all who mourn....grant, O Lord, that they may truly know the consolation of Your never-ending love for them.

ALL: Comfort them in their trials with the Good News that You died to forgive our sins, You rose to conquer our death, and You rule over all things for our good.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen!

The Service of the Lord's Feast of Victory

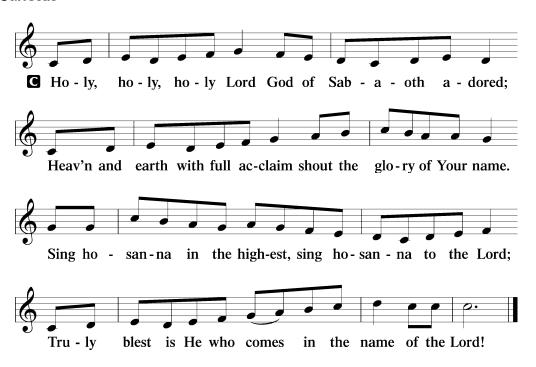
Pastor: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord, and rejoice, for the wedding feast of the Lamb has come; and His bride has made herself ready, fine linen was given her to wear.

Pastor: It is good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God; Who, in the multitude of Your saints, did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience, the race that is set out before us; and that, together with them, we may receive the crown of Glory, that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, and saying:

The Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words Of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, and eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He also took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you, for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you. Amen!

The Distribution Of The Lord's Supper

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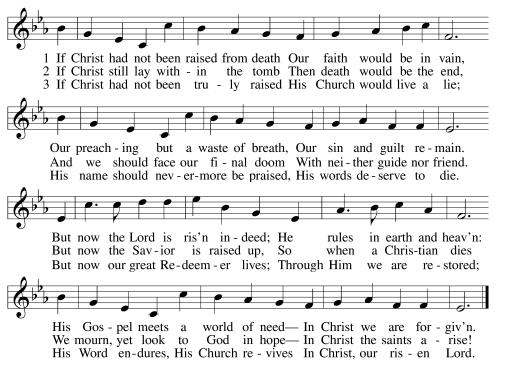
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The Closing Prayer

(Please Rise.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father, keep us firm in the one true Christian faith, throughout all our days of pilgrimage, so that on the day of Christ's coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, in His kingdom which has no end; and there to know fully, the inexpressible joys of Your presence in paradise, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

The Benediction

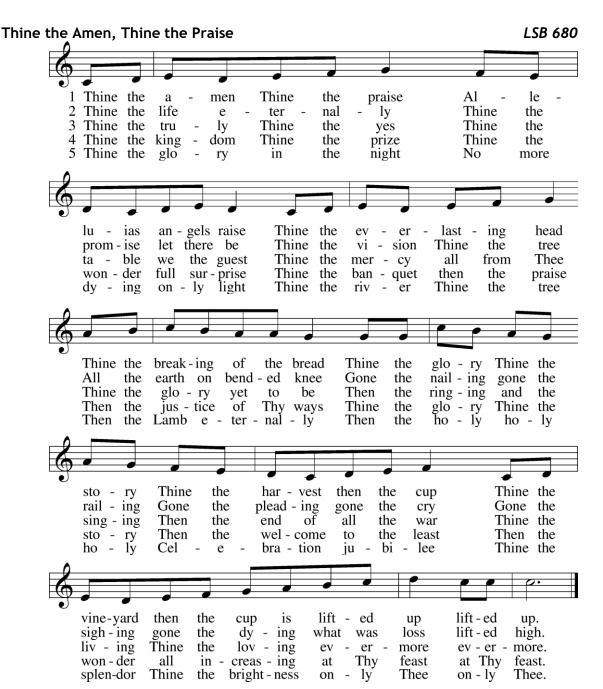
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor, and give you His peace.

ALL: Amen! Thanks be to God!

(Please Be Seated.)



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