

Gad 12,000, <sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, <sup>7</sup>from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup>saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes— who are they, and where did they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I answered, “Sir, you know.” 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. <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>‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Message:**    *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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**Hymn of the Day & Offering:**    *“Nothing But The Blood”*

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**Vs 1: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Chorus: Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Vs 2: For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

**Vs 3: Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

**Vs 4: This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Chorus]**

**Offertory Response:**    *“Give Thanks”*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.  
Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**    P: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts  
you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us  
now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Remembering of the Saints**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: God is my shepherd, leading me to green pastures and still waters. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: You prepare a table for me; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

P: We remember today the saints from our own community who now take hold of their baptismal promises and dwell in the house of the Lord forever: Mike Buck, Harold Lensch, Kellie Peterson, and Marilyn O’Brien. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life,

**C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

**Lighting Candles of Remembrance:**

*Today we light candles in our remembrance of the saints. Each candle represents the light of Christ still burning in our loved ones who have passed away. The Paschal candle is also lit as a reminder of the unextinguishable fire of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us in our baptisms. The congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have passed on to claim their baptismal promises.*

**Nicene Creed:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you especially: Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Frederixon, Garrett Rehder, Neil Stehr, Geri Lindholm, and the family of Roger Kurtti. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love, Mike Buck, Harold Lensch, Kellie Peterson, and Marilyn O’Brien. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace:**    P: The peace of Christ be with you always,      **C: And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you      **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

## The Words of Institution

### 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.

### Meal and Hymns: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" #628 (you may be seated)

Vs 1: Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?

When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

Vs 2: O happy harbor of the saints! O sweet and pleasant soil!

In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

Vs 3: Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green:

there grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs as nowhere else are seen.

Vs 4: There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring;

there evermore the angels sit and evermore do sing.

Vs 5: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

### "Shall We Gather At The River" #423

Verse 1: Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

Verse 2: On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,

We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day.

Verse 3: Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down;

Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown.

Verse 4: Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;

Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.

### Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing: (please stand as you are able)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

### Sending Hymn: "Oh, When The Saints"

Vs 1: Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Vs 2: Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
O Lord I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.

Vs 3: Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.

Vs 4: Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

Vs. 5: And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

Dismissal: P: Go in peace, be Christ's hands and feet for the next generation. C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Pianist, Debbi St. John

# All Saints Sunday

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson

9:30AM • November 5, 2023

Prelude: Pianist, Debbi St. John

### Welcome & Announcements

Greeting: (please stand as you are able)

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Beloved God, our mothers and fathers and spiritual forebears taught us of your love and mercy. They taught us too that we do not always love as you would have us love. They taught us we do not always live as you would have us live. As they leaned on your mercy and grace to make them new, we ask that you would make us new. Forgive us and help us to pass your promises of love, grace, and mercy on to our children in all that we say and do. Amen.

P: Friends, hear the good news! God's promises of forgiveness and renewal are passed down from generation to generation. In Jesus Christ you are saved and made new. Live as people who are set free. Amen.

### Gathering Hymn: "For All the Saints" #422 vs 1, 2, 6, 7

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 6: The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 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!

Prayer of the Day: P: Let us pray together

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The First Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### The Second Reading: Revelation 7:1-17

<sup>1</sup>After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup>"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup>Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of