

The Congregation at Prayer

For the week of *The Feast of All Saints*

Sunday, November 4, 2018 *through* Saturday, November 10, 2018

“Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ”

Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,” cry out **“salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne”** (Revelation 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, **“shall see Him as He is”** (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall **“serve Him day and night in His temple”** (Revelation 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5:1–12).

INVOCATION (*make the sign of the holy cross and say*)

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 is seated 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.

PSALM Psalm 149

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

Article VII: Of The Church

See Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, pp. 34, 143-152

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, November 4: Jeremiah 5:1-19
Matthew 22:1-22

Monday, November 5: Jeremiah 7:1-29
Matthew 23:1-12

Tuesday, November 6: Jeremiah 8:18-9:12
Matthew 23:13-39

Wednesday, November 7: Jeremiah 11:1-23 [12:1-19:15]
Matthew 24:1-28

Thursday, November 8: Jeremiah 20:1-18
Matthew 24:29-51

Friday, November 9: Jeremiah 22:1-23
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, November 10: Jeremiah 23:1-20
Matthew 25:14-30

HYMN

For All the Saints

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**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!**

**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!**

PRAYERS

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

O Lord, look down from Heaven. Behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers: **[insert the names of family members, friends, church members, government officials, etc.]** Look upon them with the eyes of Your mercy. Grant them comfort and sure confidence in You. Defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with us all. Amen.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUNDAY: *The 24th Sunday after Trinity*

Isaiah 51:9-16

Psalm 126

Colossians 1:9-14

Matthew 9:18-26

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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