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All Saints Day



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 1 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE: *In Paradisum* from Faure's *Requiem*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;. . . .
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold;. . . .
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

All who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 You, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,

Your name, O . . . Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 . . . You, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 And win with . . . them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 The King of . . . glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 . . . Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, We fee - bly strug - gle,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, Steals on the ear the
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; Soon, soon to faith - ful

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are . . one with - in your great de -
 dis - tant tri - umphsong, And hearts are . . brave a - gain and arms are
 war - riors comes their rest; . . Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

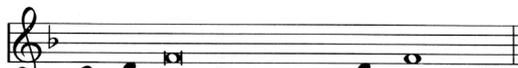
sign.
 strong.
 blest. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE GREETING & KYRIE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

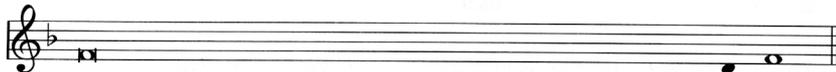
And also with you.



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



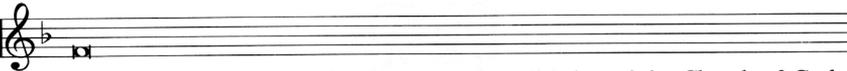
C Lord, have mer - cy.



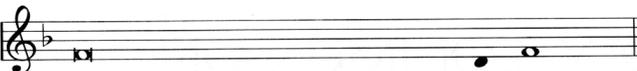
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

TEMPLE TALKS: *Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts* Rhonda Gaede
Jutta DeMarsh

BLESSING and DEDICATION of LWR KITS AND QUILTS

In the name of our Lord—Creator, Savior, and Spirit—who calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Amen.

To you we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given for us to share.

To you we renew our promise as disciples to reach out to those in need—to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be loving neighbors to all people of the earth.

We ask your blessings upon these kits and quilts as they are dedicated to your service. We pray that your love will spread with each kit and quilt we send. Bless every item that the day will come when all will know your abiding presence and gracious mercy.

We humbly dedicate our gifts of love to you. We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and all the work of Lutheran World Relief. Keep showing us ways we may serve you together with our neighbors in need.

To you be all glory and honor, now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

THE PSALM

Psalm 34:1-10

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

² **I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

³ Proclaim with me
the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

⁵ Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**6 I called in my affliction,
and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

**7 The angel of the LORD
encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.**

**8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

**9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.**

**10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD
lack nothing that is good.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given 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. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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. 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. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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1 Who is this host ar - rayed in white Like thou - sand
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, But see them
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; A thou - sand

snow - clad moun - tains bright, That stands with palms and
now in heav - en's eyes; Be - fore God's throne of
times shall you be blest For keep - ing faith firm

sings its psalms Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
pre - cious stone They shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they
un - to death And scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you

saints who kept God's Word; They are the hon - ored
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
live at home with God And har - vest seeds once

of the Lord. He is their prince who drowned their sins,
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife to heav'n - ly life,
 cast a - broad In tears and sighs. See with new eyes

So they were cleansed, re - stored. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. For now they have the
 The pat - tern in the seed. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 best at last; They keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At
 raise their song. O saints, sing with that hap - py throng; Lift

an - thems ring when they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 God's right hand our Lord com-mands; He is both host and guest.
 up one voice; let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River" vs 1,4

Shall We Gather at the River

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1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

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1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts With no - bler zeal might burn.
 As heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, His word of hope pro - claim.
 Re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; Give jus - tice larg - er place.
 Stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, With love the weak sus - tain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
 The paths which Christ has trod
 And quickened by the Spirit's power,
 Rise up, O saints of God!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BENEDICTION

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*