



As We Gather All Saints' Day Observed Nov. 3, 2024

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses” (12:1) and tells of “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven” and “the spirits of the righteous made perfect” (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that “the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake” (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God’s grace we, too, will be “numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting” (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. Thank You.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- *Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- *Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- *Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

Please Note

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

PRELUDE
WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN # 677 “For All The Saints” *sts. 1–4*

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12*

- P** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!
C **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**
P I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
C **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**
P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
C **Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.
C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.**
P Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

SAINTS CELEBRATION *Part 1 Psalm 27:13; 37:28*

- P** The words of the Lutheran Confessions give three specific reasons for remembering and honoring the saints. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession states: “Our Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church” (Ap XXI 4). Some of the saints listed in the commemorations section of the hymnal lived long earthly lives. Others, especially some of the martyrs who died on account of their faith in the first centuries of the Christian Church, did not.
- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C** **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- C** **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **in Your righteousness deliver me.**
- P** For You are my rock and my fortress;
- C** **and for Your name’s sake You lead me and guide me.**
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
- C** **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- C** **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

KYRIE *LSB 186*



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is The Feast” *LSB 155*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

“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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 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, saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 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. 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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 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.””

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1–3

“See 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. 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

P Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY #677 “For All The Saints” *sts.* 5–8

SERMON “A Glimpse Of Heaven” Revelation 7:9-17

SAINTS CELEBRATION *Part 2 Psalm 28:8; 97:11–12*

- P** Two other reasons for commemorating the saints noted in the Lutheran Confessions are the strengthening of our faith and the imitation, first of faith, then of other virtues. The calendar of the saints includes both men and women from every era of history and from many lands. In a hymn from the very end of the nineteenth century, writer Lesbia Scott penned these words: “I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.”
- P** The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
C **Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

NICENE CREED

C 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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever.

Helen Gerads February 9, 1954 – May 10, 2024
Dayle Hayden October 8, 1959 – September 6, 2024

P In joyful anticipation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises that where You are, there Your servants shall be also. Bless the memories of the saints among us and keep us firm in the certain hope of the great reunion to come in Your gracious eternal kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray,

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Gratefully we pray for the church at large and for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, remembering the saints in other places around the world who share in our faith and hope and love and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** [*Petitions...*] Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *LSB 805*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. men.

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SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- 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 and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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 and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS Tune: #507

**“Holy, holy, holy!” all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
“Holy, holy, holy!” with them we adore You;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.

PAX DOMINI

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

**☩ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Love to Tell the Story”

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory
of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know it’s true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

***Refrain:* I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,
old story of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems , each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain:*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, "twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain:*

"To God Be the Glory"

- 1 To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved he the world that he gave us His Son.
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

- 3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

#725 Children of the Heavenly Father
#507 Holy, Holy, Holy

#907 God Himself Is Present
#464 The Strife Is O'er

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come at Your gracious Table. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received that we may be the peacemakers, the meek and the pure in heart. Keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth and bring us at last to

that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom with saints and angels in light everlasting. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SAINTS CELEBRATION *Part 3 Revelation 5:9; Psalm 28:9; 37:28; 116:5, 15*

P In the book of Revelation, the description of the company of heaven is one that includes “every tribe and language and people and nation.” That amazing and diverse group of individuals will include many saints we know today by name and reputation as their stories are passed from generation to generation. Some of the saints that have become well known through the ages, for example, left letters or books or diaries to chronicle their earthly lives. Perhaps the most outstanding of those writers is St. Augustine, who lived in northern Africa and southern Europe in the fourth and fifth centuries. There will be others who were forgotten on earth but will certainly be fully known in the bright and glorious company of the blessed that is heaven.

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

C For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

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**Altar flowers today are given by Roberta Jamieson
to the glory of God, for all the saints who from their labors rest.**

Reader Today: Jan Aslin

Attendance Last Week: 101

PRAYER LIST: Steve Webb, recovering at home.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 04 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Mon. Nov 04 1:00 pm Men's Bible Study
Tue. Nov. 05 10:30 am Preschool Chapel
Wed. Nov. 06 3:30 pm Childcare Board
Thur. Nov. 07 10:30 am Support Group
Thur. Nov. 07 10:30 am Jesus Time
Thur. Nov. 07 3:00 pm Choir
Sun. Nov. 10 8:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. Worship; 11:00 a.m. Fellowship.
Sun. Nov. 10 11:30 a.m. Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to all who provided food, set up, served and cleaned up for the Dayle Hayden memorial luncheon. You are appreciated!

CHILDCARE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 pm.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve the 2025 Budget and conduct other church business will be Nov. 10th 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

The goal this year is to share God's love with 250 children through gift-filled shoeboxes. There are two ways to fill a shoebox. You can pack a traditional shoebox with quality toys, school supplies and personal care items and bring it to the church no later than **Sunday, Nov. 17. OR,** for \$25 you can build a shoebox online via link <https://sampur.se/3XSyJUg>. Questions? Call Carol Van Lente 208-252-1558

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Again this year Mesquite Lutheran will be helping out at this event. The dinner will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Our time slot to help out is from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. that day. We will need SIX volunteers. **Please contact Jan Hinrichsen at 402-699-4744.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be finishing up our Bible Study on November 11th. For any ladies who are currently in our study or would like to jump in when we start the new one, this information is for you. It will be an **8 week session called Myth or Faith, (Clearing up misconceptions about Christianity)**. The misconceptions will be about: God, Salvation, The Bible, Belief, The Church, The Sacraments, Worship & Prayer, the World. I have 25 books. **Please call or text me in the next 2 weeks. Christine Constien 815-409-2035.**

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Please note:** If you have an announcement that you wish to include in the bulletin you must notify Claudia or Pastor by 3:00 pm on Wednesday. The bulletin is printed on Thursday. Notify Claudia, secretary@mesquitelutheran.org cell:702-523-1049 or Pastor pastor@mesquitelutheran.org cell: 815-409-1156 Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 05 Paul Havens Nov. 17 Mary Ellen Ethington Nov. 19 Deb Thomason
Nov. 20 Zachary Seamann Nov. 23 Kathryn Kinoshita Nov. 25 Kay McPhail

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 07 James Tritchler & Annie Black Nov. 18 Mike & Darlene Carpenter
Nov.25 Harold & CC Sersland

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