

SAINT MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Eric J. Trozzo, Pastor



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2020 9:30AM

PRELUDE

For All the Saints (ELW 422)

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For safety reasons, we ask that the congregation follow along with all spoken and sung responses silently. The Assisting Minister and the Cantor will respond for the congregation to all spoken and sung responses.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin.
Silence for self-reflection

Most merciful God, We confess that we are captive 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 or families or friends as ourselves.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Free us from the urge to speak with haste, offending those we fail to fully understand. Let our words always honor your wondrous love so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy. Christ, Have Mercy. Lord, Have Mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.
Let us pray,...

PEACE

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Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING REVELATION 7:9-17

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

9After 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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And 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, 12singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14I 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. 15For 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. 16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for 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."

HYMN

Behold a Host Array

SECOND READING 1 JOHN 3:1-3

Response after the conclusion: Thanks be to God.

1See 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. 2Beloved, 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. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.



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1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 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 receive 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 for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11”Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

SERMON

THE REV. DR. ERIC J. TROZZO

HYMN OF THE DAY BLEST ARE THEY (ELW 728)

(Congregation is invited to silently follow along with the text below)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

Hear us, O God...Your mercy is great.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Together as Jesus taught us using the more familiar words

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us into the world to serve our neighbor.

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Ye Watcher’s And Ye Holy Ones (ELW 424)



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Guenter Kuehl

Annalise Schultz

Herbert Hopkins

Raymond Fausak

John Buyser

John Fisher

Maria Kitashima

What's Happening!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- **Pastor:** The Reverend Dr. Eric J. Trozzo
- **Assisting Minister:** Max Frable
- **Cantor:** David D. Harp
- **Soloist:** Aurelia Harp, Kristin Harp, Sophia Mean
- **Greeter:** Chris Cassel
- **Usher:** Charlie Lange

ZOOM EVENTS

For more info, please refer to November Messenger

- Live Stream Worship followed by Zoom Coffee Hour
- **Sunday 9:30am** Confirmation Class
- **Sunday 11:15am** Virtual Sunday School
- **Monday 10:30am** Monday Morning Bible Study (MMBSF)
- **Monday 12-2pm & 5-7pm** Food Pantry Open
- **Tuesday 7pm** A Dialogue on Racism
- **Thursday 10:30am** Tea & Talk
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