

# *Salem Lutheran Church*

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## **NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ~ 22<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ ALL SAINTS DAY GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **All Saints Day**

*The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**P:** We gather in person in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**P:** 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.

**All: Amen**

**P:** 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 will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*

**P:** God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**All: Amen**

### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Give Thanks for Saints*

ELW 428 verses 3 & 4

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,  
a sparkling precious stone:  
they show by what they say and do  
an inward beauty, warm and true,  
for God's concerns they own—  
God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past  
and saints alive today:  
though often by this world despised,  
their hearts by God are richly prized.

Give thanks that we may say  
we share their pilgrim way.

**Text:** Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962  
**Music:** C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
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### **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> singing,

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

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> 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."

### **PSALM 34:1-10, 22**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1-2</sup> When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

<sup>3</sup> “You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

<sup>4</sup> “You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

<sup>5</sup> “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

<sup>6</sup> “You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

<sup>7</sup> “You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

<sup>8</sup> “You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

<sup>9</sup> “You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.

<sup>10</sup> “You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God’s kingdom.

<sup>11-12</sup> “Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don’t like it, *I* do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL:** Praise to you O Christ.

## MESSAGE

### REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

*While we revere those who have gone before us in faith and remember them in love, this rite reminds us that in holy baptism God unites all the faithful into the one holy catholic and apostolic church: the church on earth and the church in heaven.*

Let us remember all the saints before God.

The newly baptized at Salem since November 2019:

The dearly departed from Sale since November 2019:

***Clyde Spangler-Smith***

***Marion (Ski) Kuzniarski***

***Ronald Bartholme***

***Charles Leo (Lee) Hoos***

*Let us pray:*

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*For All the Saints*

ELW 422 verses 1 & 3

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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Text:** William W. How, 1823–1897

**Music:** Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

#### **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **Amen**

#### **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**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

Loving God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW 423 verses 1 & 2

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.

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

**Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899**

**Music: Robert Lowry**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++**

**A Special Thank you** to Jean Weimer and Nick Cox for providing vocal accompaniment with our hymns today!  
And, thank you, to Mark Hoefler as the lector for this day!

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries** of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

**OBD Casseroles** totaled 18 For the month of October. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

**Annual Congregational Meeting ~ November 15, 2020 ~ 11:30-12:30pm** ~ Thank you for marking your calendars for Salem's Annual Congregational meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> following the Indoor Worship service planned for that Sunday. If you are unable to attend in-person, a link is provided for you to join the meeting via the internet and ZOOM. You can join through the computer or using your cell phones. \*(Please note depending upon your cell phone plan the dial in number may incur long distance charges.)\* The Zoom information is below and will also be emailed.

To join ~ Salem Lutheran Church Annual Congregational MTG:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87993882559?pwd=RkVYlHtUnZicko5SUIvTUJEd2YrUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 9388 2559

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbKlyWBmj9>

**Annual reports are being emailed with a note and hard copies available at church this Sunday, November 1, 2020. Please contact Lynn Cox with questions or concerns.**

### Remembered Saints from the Congregation:

Rena Mae Baker (Friend) – Chrissy Hadding  
Ronald Bartholme (Father)~ Chirssy Hadding  
Edith & Tony Coleianne (Spouse's Parents)~ Debbie Coleianne  
Harry Coppersmith (Friend) ~ Glenn Deuchler  
Ed & Irene Deuchler (Glenn's Parents) ~ Glenn & Pastor  
Luther Hahn (Father) ~ Pastor  
Daniel Wilson Hess (Brother) ~ Dottie Stearns  
Charleane Hoos (Niece) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Charles Hoos ( Grandfather) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Eleanore Hoos (Grandmother) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Lee Hoos (Dad) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Carol & Cleave Huber (Parents) ~ Debbie Coleianne  
Samuel Keller (Husband) ~ Sarah Keller  
Norman Krause (Great-Uncle) ~ Debbie Coleianne  
Ski Kuzniarski (Husband)~ Linda Kuzniarski  
George William Lindner (Brother) ~ Elfriede Kiesling  
Travis Masenior (Family Friend)~ Debbie Coleianne  
Mary Michaels (Friend's Mother) ~ Elfriede Kiesling  
Richard Naumann (Father/Grandfather) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Ruth Naumann (Mother) ~ Ruth Phoebus  
Donald Phoebus (Husband) ~ Ruth Phoebus  
Melvin Phoebus (Father-in-law)) ~ Ruth Phoebus  
Francis Phoebus (Mother-in-law) ~ Ruth Phoebus  
Delores Rickman (Wife) ~ Paul Rickman  
Gladys Schuller (Mother)~ Doris Karoll  
Stephen Smith (Brother) ~ Paige Garner  
Henry Stuhmer (Grandfather) ~ Vicki Phoebus  
Marian Stuhmer (Grandmother) ~ Vicki Phoebus

*We remember all who have succumbed to COVID-19 and to civil unrest during the year.*

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Family and Friends of Dan Hess, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Barb Vogel, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arian, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Carolyn Lynch, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

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