



November 6, 2022

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4515 Dobie Road
Okemos, MI 48864
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All Saints Sunday

To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,
study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith
that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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Introduction to the day

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Gordon Young

TEMPLE TALK

Bob Nelson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.

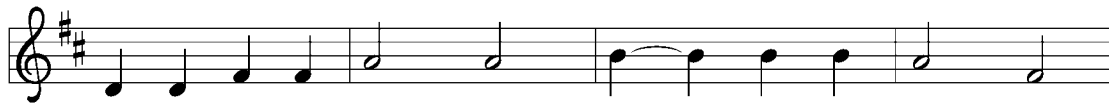
Amen.

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

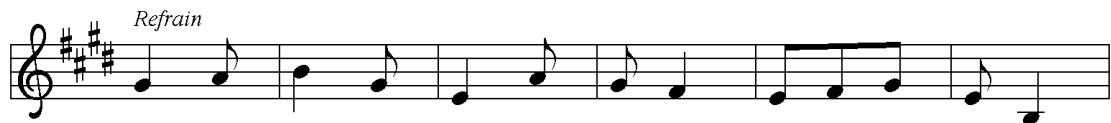
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GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A reading from Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 149

Psalm is read responsively

- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
- ³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- ⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
- ⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
- ⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸**to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**
- ⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians.

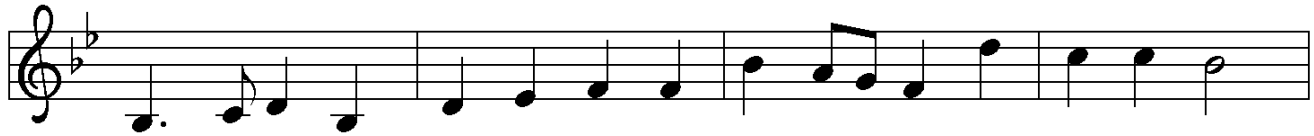
¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in

that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

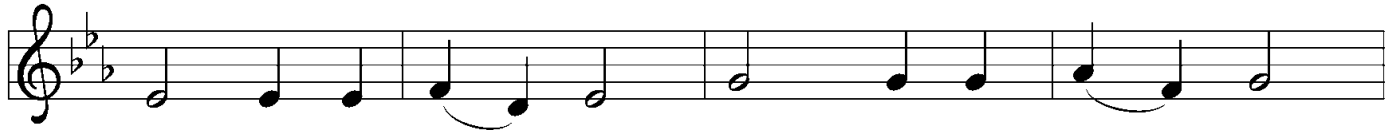
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. John Schleicher

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior



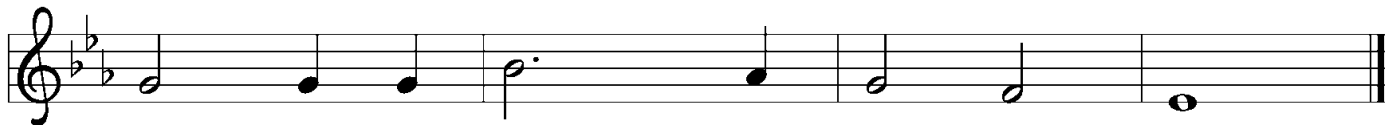
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

Prayers of intercession are prayed. To each petition, the assembly responds: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Today in our prayers we remember and give thanks for the following people who have died over the past year.

Walter Aven

Tom Rasmussen

Hedwig "Hedy" Steinbart

William Brinkman

Patsy Fagan

Joanna O'Brien

Darwin Marquardt

Marion Magyar

Karen Kraft &

Dorothy Rush



PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

"Crossing Over There"

(Pepper Choplin)

Chancel Choir

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with *Walter Aven, Tom Rasmussen, Hedwig "Hedy" Steinbart, William Brinkman, Patsy Fagan, Joanna O'Brien, Darwin Marquardt, Marion Magyar, Karen Kraft, Dorothy Rush* and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Beautiful Savior”

Dale Wood

Please stand if you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,

✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

For All Your Saints, O Lord



- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
- 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
- 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“When the Roll is Called up Yonder”

arr. Mark Hayes

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Altar Care: Kathy Mace

Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach

Nursery: Connie Nelson

Coffee Hour: Nelson/Amb

Reader: Harold Sollenberger

Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt

Greeter: Harold & Jan Sollenberger

Acolyte: Abbie Steinke

10/23/2022

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| General Fund | \$ 5,155.00 |
| Rosie's Heart Walk | \$ 25.00 |
| Lutheran World Relief | \$ 50.00 |
| Pantry Fund | \$ 331.00 |
| Parish House Reimburs. | \$ 393.73 |
| Youth | <u>\$ 88.50</u> |
| Subtotal | \$ 6,043.23 |
| Vanco | |
| General Operating | \$ 3,567.00 |
| Building | <u>\$ 25.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 9,635.23 |

10/31/2022

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| Loose Cash | \$ 66.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 75.00 |
| General Fund | \$ 2,225.00 |
| Pantry Fund | \$ 150.00 |
| Parish House | \$ 350.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 5.00 |
| Youth | <u>\$ 107.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$ 2,978.00 |
| Vanco | |
| General Operating | \$ 370.00 |
| Pantry | <u>\$ 50.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 3,398.00 |

Year to Date**January 1- September 30, 2020**

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| Income | \$207,320.00 |
| Expenses | <u>\$215,821.00</u> |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (8,501.00) |

Upcoming Events:

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| November 4-6 th | | Middle School Charge Retreat |
| Sunday, November 6 | 11:00 A.M. | Fall Property Clean Up |
| Tuesday, November 8 | all day | Voting Precinct at Faith |
| Sunday, November 13 | 10:00 A.M. | Pledge Sunday Festivities |
| Monday, November 21 | 7:00 P.M. | Church Council Meeting |
| Saturday, November 26 | | Decorating Church for Christmas |
| Wednesday, December 7 | 6:00 P.M. | Middle School Youth Activity Night |
| Sunday, December 11 | 10:00 A.M. | Christmas Pageant |
| Sunday, December 18 | | Stuff the Stocking Food Delivery |
| Monday, December 19 | 7:00 P.M. | Church Council Meeting |
| Saturday, December 24 | Time TBD | Christmas Eve Services |
| Sunday, December 25 | | No In-Person Worship |

Recurring Events

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Children's Sunday School | Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M. |
| Adult Sunday School | Each Sunday at 9:00 A.M. |
| Worship | Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. |
| Noon Bible Study | Each Tuesday at Noon |
| LWR ACTION and Quilters | Each Wednesday 9:30-11:30 A.M. |
| Confirmation Class | Each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. |
| Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Each Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. |
| Bell Choir Rehearsal | Each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. |



Stewardship Sunday

Join us on Sunday, November 13, for Stewardship Sunday festivities!

Stewardship Sunday is the day we turn in our Pledge Cards. We drop them in the offering plate during morning worship. As we mark this day, we will also:

1. Hear a five-minute sermon in worship
2. Be gifted with a delightful presentation following worship, given by Rich & Linda Triemer
3. Enjoy a potluck dinner following this presentation, in which you will have time to view the **Ministry Fair Displays** that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall

Plan to be present and join us for this special day!



Ministry Fair