

LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 5, 2023

10:00AM

All Saints Sunday



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**Worship Bulletin
Sunday, October 1, 2023
Lordstown Lutheran Church**

Rev. Steve Brown—Pastor
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We welcome you to worship with us this morning and we're glad you are here. May God bless our time together and may you feel renewed and refreshed as we celebrate God's unconditional love for the world. Thank you for joining us today and we hope you will return again soon.

Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship, and Children's Service project on the 5th Sunday during the School year. As a courtesy the congregation does not stand during worship unless instructed to do so.

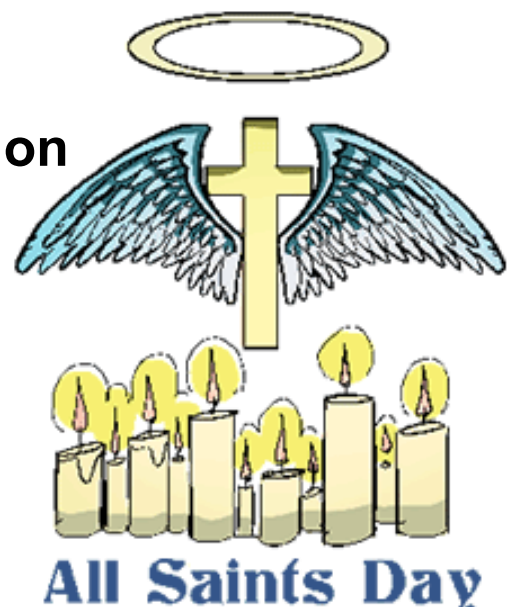
Today's Worship Theme

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Entering Into God's Presence

WELCOME

PRELUDE - A Quiet Time for Reflection



Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

P: Amen

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy One,

**P: we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

L: Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

P: Amen

GATHERING HYMN ALL VERSES

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Shall We Gather at the River



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.



Refrain



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together.

ALL: 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

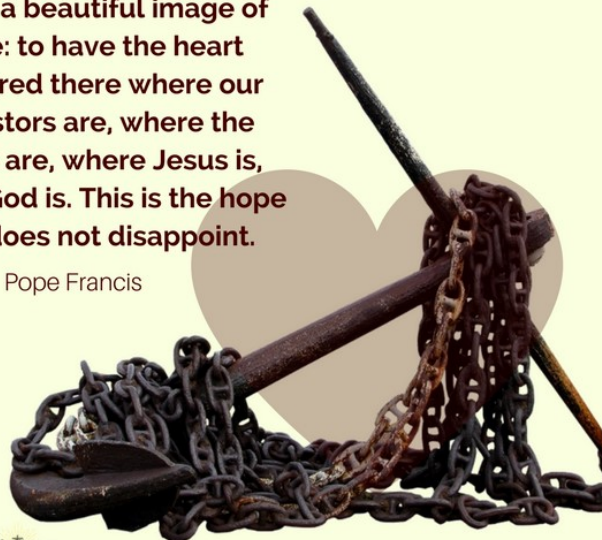
Special Music

God's Word for Us Today

All Saints Day - A Day of Hope

This is a beautiful image of hope: to have the heart anchored there where our ancestors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is. This is the hope that does not disappoint.

Pope Francis



First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 **LECTOR**

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory. reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

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."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

LECTOR

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

1I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**2I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

3Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.

**4I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

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

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

7The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.

**8Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

9Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**10The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

22O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

LECTOR

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel According to St. Mathew
Glory to you, O Lord

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Rev. Brown

HYMN OF THE DAY ALL VERSES

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; . . .
 saints tri-umphant rise in bright ar-ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, . . .



name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



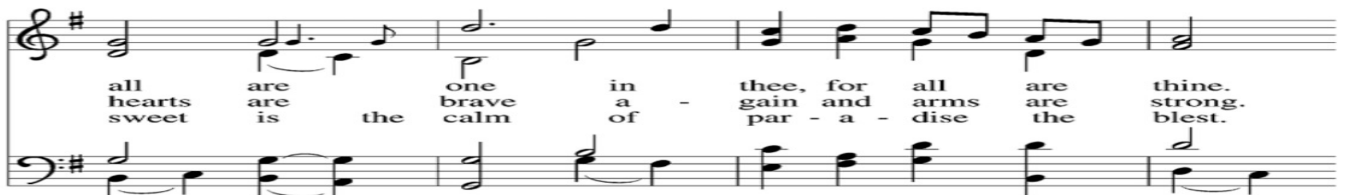
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west;



we fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis-tant glo-ry song; and
 soon, soon to faith-ful ser-vants com-eth rest; . . .



all hearts are one in thee, for all are thine.
 sweet is the calm of a gain and arms are strong.
 is the calm of a par-a-dise the blest.



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

Together We Say What We Believe

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 to the dead
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**



We Offer Our Prayers and Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each intercessory prayer the Pastor says:

” Hear us, O God.“ and the people respond

“Your mercy is great.”

OFFERING SONG

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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



OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table, and shared your abundant
blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from
your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you
have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

AMEN

*Offering Plates are Located by the doors to the Sanctuary
or*

You may mail your financial gifts to the church.

Attn: Pat Hogan

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The Great Thanksgiving

This Table of Christ welcomes all without exception. Join us and experience the love of Christ as we come together to share in this sacred meal.

CHILDREN MAY ALSO RECEIVE A PASTORAL BLESSING. PLEASE TAKE A SMALL CUP FROM THE TRAY WHEN IT IS OFFERED. WINE WILL BE POURED FOR EACH PERSON BY AN ASSISTANT AND GRAPE JUICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER OF THE CUP TRAY IF PREFERRED. BREAD WILL BE BROKEN INTO SMALL PIECES AT THE COMMUNION RAIL AND GIVEN TO EACH PERSON.

DIALOGUE

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE OF THE DAY

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.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (tune: *Holy, holy, holy*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Heav'n and earth embrace your glory
Praise we cry to you.

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna, hosanna, praise forevermore.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, and inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

ALL: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Through the great Comforter, Advocate, and our faithful Guide, we have become a part of God's holy love. And so we pray to the eternal one

**ALL: Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
AMEN**

Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

L: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

AMEN

SENDING HYMN ALL VERSES

Give Thanks for Saints

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1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

DISMISSAL

L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Altar Flowers
Donated by Frieda Radtka
In Memory of Ted Radtka



PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS
Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns: Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Jean Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, JoAnn Leepard, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann, Ilona Rupnik, Ron Ruth

Compassion Child: Marc Yvans.

Active Duty Military: Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Talon Brown, Kiana Gates

Scout Troop 20 and its leaders

Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School

World Peace: Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

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EMAIL US AT LTOWNLUTHERAN@YAHOO.COM TO NOTIFY US OF FRIENDS OR
RELATIVES WHO NEED TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

NEXT SUNDAY, Sunday, November 12 , 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Psalm: Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13