# + ALL SAINTS' DAY +

November 1, 2020



Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

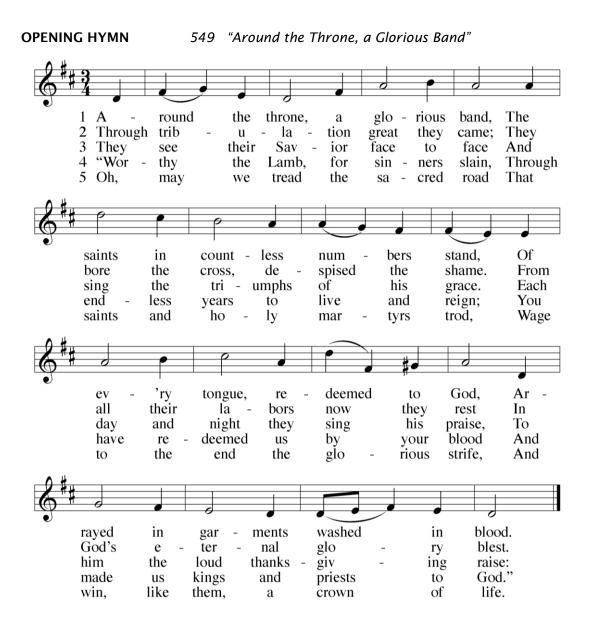
A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language cries out: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9–17). This is our heavenly future, for we too will see the Lord face to face. Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we will serve him day and night in his temple.

In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. By his gift of faith, the Holy Spirit propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven. "Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" (Revelation 7:12).

## + DIVINE SERVICE I +

## THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)



#### **INVOCATION** (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- \* Please remain silent for reflection on God's Word and for repentant self-examination.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**KYRIE** – *LORD, HAVE MERCY* (Mark 10:47; Luke 17:12-13)



## **HOLY ABSOLUTION** (John 20:19-23)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - GLORY TO GOD (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





## **SALUTATION** (Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Philippians 4:6; Matthew 18:19-20)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

\* Please be seated.

## THE WORD

(Romans 10:17; Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 26:1-4,8,9,12,13,19-21

\* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY** Psalm 34

\* Pastor will speak the initial refrain, and then the first half of each Psalm verse.

The congregation will respond with the second half of each verse, and join Pastor in the other refrains.

M: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

C: and his ears are attentive to their cry.

M: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C: and he delivers them.

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

M: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;

C: he delivers them from all their troubles.

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

C: and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

M: The LORD redeems his servants;

C: no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

All: 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.

All: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

#### **SECOND LESSON** Revelation 7:9-17

\* After the reading of the Lesson:

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Revelation 7:15a (Psalm 150; Revelation 19)

M: Alleluia. "They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple." Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 5:1-12

\* Please stand.

The pastor processes to the nave floor for the reading of the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word.

M: The Holy Gospel for All Saints' Day, according to St. Matthew, chapter five.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

\* After the reading of the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

<sup>\*</sup> Please be seated.





- \* Please stand.
- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

\* Please be seated.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** ALL SAINTS' DAY (1 Timothy 2:1-6; Ephesians 6:18)

\* Please remain seated.

#### COMMERORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- \* We take time to remember those saints who were called home to the Lord since All Saints' Day 2019, thanking God for washing them in the blood of the Lamb and bringing them safely to heaven.
- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks this day for the lives of all your servants who were washed in Holy Baptism, taught your Word, fed with Christ's precious body and blood, and who now rest from their labors and rejoice in your presence. We especially remember this day . . .

- \* We also take time to remember believers who were called to glory in previous years.
- M: We also remember this day other loved ones and friends who died in the one, true faith...
- \* A time of silence is observed as we remember these and other brothers and sisters in Christ, giving thanks that they died in the faith and now live with the Lord and all the saints in heavenly bliss.
- M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
- C: that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- M: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.
- C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." (Revelation 14:13)
- M: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the lives of these your saints, ask you to keep us in fellowship with them and all your saints, and to bring us at last to your heavenly kingdom when we breathe our final breath; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

C: 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

(Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

#### **PREFACES**

\* Please stand.

M: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1; Lamentations 3:41)

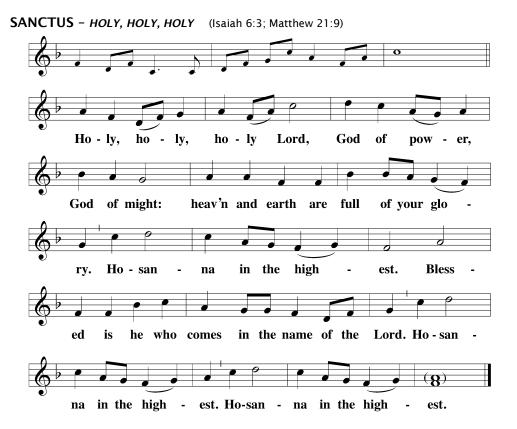
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. (Psalm 107:1; Psalm 136)

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PAX DOMINI - THE PEACE OF THE LORD (John 20:19)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI – O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29; Isaiah 53:7)



<sup>\*</sup> Please be seated.

#### Personal Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all quilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

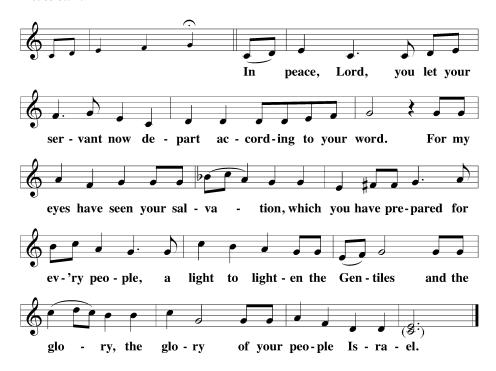
#### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC** 551 "For All the Saints"

## Personal Prayer after Holy Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS - song of simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

\* Please stand.



## THANKSGIVING (Psalm 118:1)

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **AARONIC BENEDICTION** (Numbers 6:24-26)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

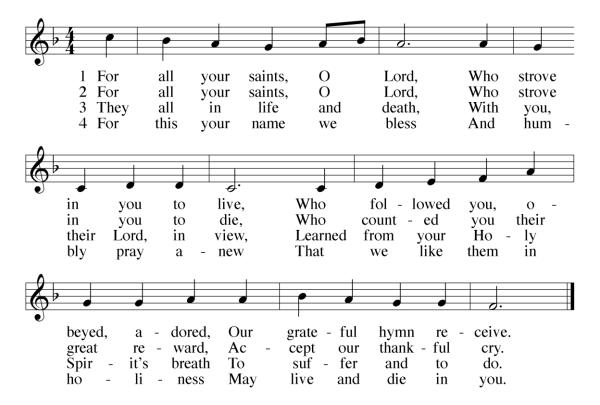
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

555 "For All Your Saints, O Lord"



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#### Personal Prayer for after Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. In your Name, I pray. Amen.

**Special thanks to:** Amy Hermanson for serving as cantor; Isaiah Johnston for recording the video of the service; and Oliva Hermanson for running the sound and playing the music.

**Offering**: If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

"About the Propers," a document explaining the changeable parts of the service, and "The Congregation at Prayer," a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings are posted on our website.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

**Please contact Pastor Berg** if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

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