



“They Shall Be Blessed”
Sunday, November 7, 2021 9:00AM
Worship Service

AS WE GATHER

How blessed you are! Yes, you! Right here, right now, the Lord Jesus is ready to speak His blessings over you. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6). Jesus promises to satisfy you as you lay your sins at His feet and receive the blessing of His forgiveness this day. But not only are you blessed right here and now, you are forever blessed! “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). One day, Jesus will wonderfully bless you and all His saints by welcoming you into His presence forever. God grant you the heart to receive and share all the blessings He so freely gives.

WELCOME

Sit

OPENING HYMN

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

LSB 822

- 1 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 To God the Father let us bring
 Our songs of adoration.
 To Him through everlasting days
 Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise,
 Whose hand sustains creation.
 Singing, ringing:
 Holy, holy,
 God is holy;
 Spread the story
 Of our God, the Lord of glory.

- 2 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
 In whom we are elected.
 He bought His Church with His own blood,
 He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
 And as His bride selected.
 Holy, holy
 Is our union
 And communion.
 His befriending
 Gives us joy and peace unending.

- 3 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
 For our regeneration.
 The saving faith in us He wrought
 And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
 Made us His chosen nation.
 Glory! Glory!
 Joy eternal,
 Bliss supernal;

There is manna
And an endless, glad hosanna.

- 4 Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing:
Holy, holy,
God is holy;
Spread the story
Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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Stand

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 5:8

- P** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him as He is. (*1 John 3:2*)

Blessed to be in God's presence, let us confess our sins to Him.

We take a moment for silent prayers of confession.

- P** Let us pray.
C Help me, Lord, for I am in great need! My sins are too many to count. My burdens are too heavy to carry. I call out to You for mercy! I ask for Your forgiveness, full and free. As the Father who loves me and sent Jesus to die for me, forgive me of my sins. By Your Holy Spirit, create in me a pure heart that I may worship You in the company of all Your saints. As Your Word has promised, bless me as Your own. Amen.
- P** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith; one day, we shall see Him face-to-face. This is all because of His mercy, which He has poured out upon you and all who trust in Him. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this grace to you and, as He has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

WORD

INTROIT

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the blessing of peace from above and for the salvation of all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of all creation, for the well-being of the communion of saints on earth, and for the unity of all those blessed by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all the holy ones who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, defend, and bless us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN of PRAISE

“Oh, What Their Joy”

LSB 675

1 Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

2 In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.

3 We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.

△ 4 Now let us worship our Lord and our King,
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C You bless us now by Your Word and Spirit.

P You will bless us for eternity with joy in Your presence.

C Grant us hearts to receive and share all the blessings You so freely give;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

C Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

P Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

C For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

P Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

C Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

P to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

C to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

- P** to execute on them the judgment written!
C **This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise the LORD!**

**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.**

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“The Journey”

arr. Martin

VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

- P** Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
C **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹“Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN of the DAY

“For All the Saints”

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- 1 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!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SERMON

“Who Are These People?”

Revelation 7:13b

Stand

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Remembrance of the Departed

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for our fellow saints of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the nations of the world, that their leaders see with Your eyes of justice and mercy the needs of their people, and that Your blessed ones represent You among every nation, tribe, people, and language, let us pray to the Lord:

C Bless us with Your mercy.

P For Your Body, the Christian Church on earth, that we see in our service the coming of Your kingdom into our world, and that our love for others reflect the love our Savior has shown to all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Bless us with Your mercy.

P For all the families of our congregation, that in seeing the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the grieving, we see You in them, and welcome the opportunity to bless others as You have first blessed us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Bless us with Your mercy.

P For all those who grieve the death of those they love, that their hearts be filled with Your peace and their eyes of faith behold You until the day of our reunion at the throne of the Lamb, when we shall see You face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord:

C Bless us with Your mercy.

P For the sick, [*especially . . .*], that they receive Your blessing through the healing that comes by Your power alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C Bless us with Your mercy.

P Into Your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, always relying upon Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. We rejoice that by His death and resurrection You have called us to be Your saints and have promised to bless us forever!

Gathered in the name of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to bless us as we share in the one loaf and partake of the one cup of salvation. Along with all Your saints, both those who wait for You on earth and those who are in heaven with You, we praise Your holy name as we say:

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

LSB 676

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood
Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring
As they all sing
With angels shining bright.
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,

A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife
To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice;
Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!
- 2 Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessèd
Shines bright with glorious sheen.
- 3 Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph

To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.

- △ 4 O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”

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- 1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong
Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.
- 2 Though uninscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.
- 3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- [P]** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have blessed us with pardon and peace through the saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Having received Your mercy, purity, and peace through Your Word and Sacrament, grant us courage to show these blessings to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

LSB 677:1

P For all the saints who from their labors rest,

C Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

P Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

C Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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