

They have washed
their robes
and made them

white
in the
blood
of the
Lamb.

REVELATION 7:14

All Saints' Day
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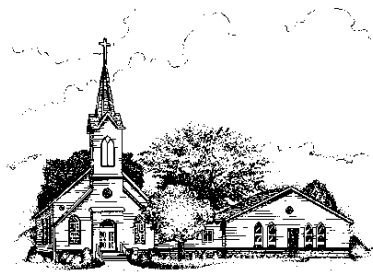
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Welcome to God's House

“We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.” That’s what the 4th stanza of the hymn “For All the Saints” states. It reminds us that the pain and hardship of this world is temporary, and that happier times come in heaven. The time in between Christ’s first and second coming will be full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that this is temporary. Happier times are coming!

That truth is made crystal clear on this All Saints’ Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us—all those who had faith in the Lamb of God: the heroes of faith in Scripture; our faithful Christian family members, now fallen asleep. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? We remember all the saints. We focus on the future glory that waits for us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Blessed Are They #886

*Refrain: Blessèd are they which are called,
blessèd are they which are called,
blessèd are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

1 Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
from ev'ry nation and tongue,
stood before God and the Lamb
at the marriage feast of the Lamb. **v. 2**

2 They'll neither hunger nor thirst,
death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes
by the marriage feast of the Lamb. **v. 3**

3 Blessing and honor, they cry,
unto the Lamb that was slain,
redeeming us with his blood
in the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

4 Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
sanctified, ransomed, restored,
thund'rously sing a new song
of the marriage feast of the Lamb. **v. 5**

5 Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
to receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen
for the marriage feast of the Lamb! **Refrain**

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Song of Praise

Sing with All the Saints in Glory #881:1, 3

Sing with all the saints in glory,

 sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,

 to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking;

 soon the storms of time shall cease;

in God's likeness we awaken,

 knowing everlasting peace.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:

 Jesus lives who once was dead.

Shout with joy, O deathless voices!

 Child of God, lift up your head!

Life eternal! Oh, what wonders

 crowd on faith; what joy unknown,

when, amid earth's closing thunders,

 saints shall stand before the throne!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into 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.

Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their

hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come 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.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

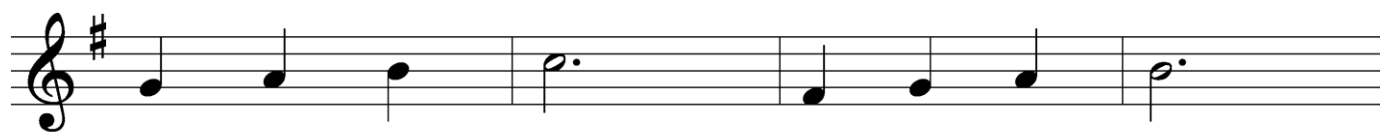
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song - Psalm 149A

Refrain



Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses



1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,



a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;



let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

Refrain



let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

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

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

All Saints' Day Remembrance

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7,8)

Be faithful, even to the point of death.

And I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Sharon Elizabeth Janssen February 15, 2023

Karen S. Allison April 19, 2023

Norman Elroy Martin April 14, 2023

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

(Job 19:25-26)

“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

He has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Sandra Lee Eichsteadt	May 12, 2023
Elfriede “Snig” Gruenewald	October 4, 2023
Jay Scott German	October 23, 2023

I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

Hymn

For All the Saints #880:1-4, 6-7

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!

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!

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and End of all things. You have given hope to your people who are poor, hungry, and outcast, that they have a great reward in heaven.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Fill our hearts with longing for the day when we will see you face to face and you will wipe every tear from our eyes.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Fill your people with such joy that they declare your praise to those without hope, that more people are drawn to you by the by their witness and are saved.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Change the world through your Word, and through the testimony of your saints in life and death. Cast down those who oppress your people and hinder the gospel, and let your kingdom come.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Strengthen Christians around the world who are destitute, persecuted and mistreated because of their faith. Keep them firm in the true faith and hold before them the crown of life.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Lord, you have planned better things for us than mere comfort in this life. Have mercy on those who wait in hope in the midst of suffering. [We pray especially for...] Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

You take delight in your people. **You crown the humble with victory.**

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayers and special intercessions

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life, and through your victory you have attained eternal righteousness, joy and holiness for us. Come soon to bring your people a joyful resurrection to life and a homecoming in the eternal paradise of our Father's kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White #883:1, 3

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 blame.

Now gathered in the holy place,
their voices they in worship raise;

their anthems rise
where God resides,

mid angels' songs of praise.

3 O blessed 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.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring—
to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!

Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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.

Amen.

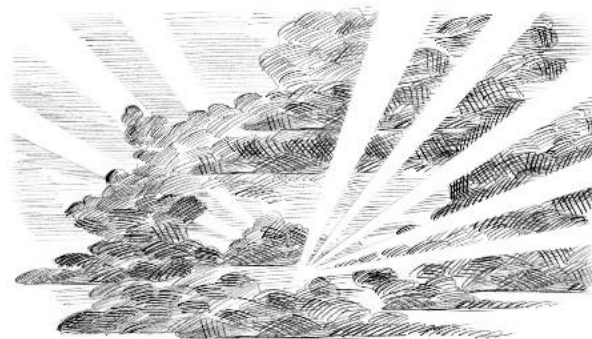
Closing Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden #890:1, 4

1 Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes

the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
to that dear land of rest;
you are with God the Father
and Spirit ever blest.



All Saints' Day

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30/9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30/8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible class

	2:00 p.m.	WELS Choral Fest Sacred Concert at WLC, Milwaukee
Mon:	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher meeting
Tue:		Don't forget to vote!
	12:30 p.m.	Circuit meeting at KML
Wed:	2:30 p.m.	KM Gardens devotion, Kewaskum
	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	8:00 a.m.	<i>Protecting Places of Worship</i> Seminar, Jackson PD
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun:	7:30/9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30/8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible class

In Our Prayers Linda Galler, undergoing surgery on her arm this Tuesday.

We thank our organists this weekend: Jared Peterson on Thursday and Barb Olsen on Sunday.

Organ Dedication If you read the newsletter, you know that we plan on having a special service to dedicate our new organ at the end of the month. Mark November 26th on your calendar as we hear the wide range of capabilities the instrument has and formally dedicate it to the service and glory of God. More details will be coming in the weeks ahead.

Better Communication In an attempt to be able to communicate to our membership on short notice, we're still experimenting with e-mail and texting announcements. For those who provided their e-mail addresses, we should be able to use those addresses for important announcements such as funeral announcements, church closings / cancellations, etc... Our secretary Janet Salzman recently sent a text out to those for whom we have cell phone numbers and have indicated they'd prefer to be contacted in

that manner. Please, if you haven't received those e-mails or texts to indicate how you would prefer to be contacted, let Janet Salzman know as soon as possible (262.338.7946). Thank you for helping us keep our records updated so we can keep in touch with our members.

Deerhunter Service We're in the middle of hunting season right now and if you have plans to be in the woods on Sunday mornings, don't forget our year 'round Thursday services at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

Bible Study Where does your puzzle piece fit in the puzzle that is Zion Lutheran Church? We'll see how you can "find your niche" in our Bible study this Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Is there a better use of your time than to spend 45 minutes in God's Word? Join us as we study how we can "seek first the kingdom of God" in our Christian lives.

Food Drive The Ladies' Aid is sponsoring a food drive for the local food pantry in Kewaskum. There is a basket on the pedestal near the mailboxes if you would like to make a donation. It will be out until Thanksgiving.

Advent by Candlelight One of the highlights of the year is the Ladies' Advent by Candlelight program. This year it will be December 10th and, since the event is usually very well attended, the ladies are opening up the opportunity to host a table to any ladies of Zion. If you'd like more information, please talk with Elaine Schulz.

Pick up a November copy of the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway, along with the new church calendar and newsletter. Read the cover story and rejoice with a wife who after years of praying sees God's perfect timing in the baptism of her husband. Also...discover the secret of being content. *Hint:* It's not in what you have.

Offering Envelopes You will find your 2024 offering envelopes on the tables in the fellowship hall. They're in numerical order. A cross-reference sheet is there if you forgot your number. Remember also that even if you are contributing through direct deposit you will have an envelope box. Please pick yours up today. If you have any questions, call our financial

secretary Rick Meier at 262.909.1069 or text rrrick4919@yahoo.com.

Choral Fest Concert Take a drive down to Wisconsin Lutheran College this afternoon that will bring together hundreds of WELS high school choral students from across the nation! The Pops Concert was Friday but the Sacred Concert is this afternoon (Sunday) at 2 p.m. It will be held in the Recreation Complex at Wisconsin Lutheran College (8725 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee) and is free general admission seating, no tickets required. Visit www.welsfinearts.org/choralfest for more information.

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Psalm of the Day

Sing to the LORD, Sing a New

Song - Psalm 149A

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