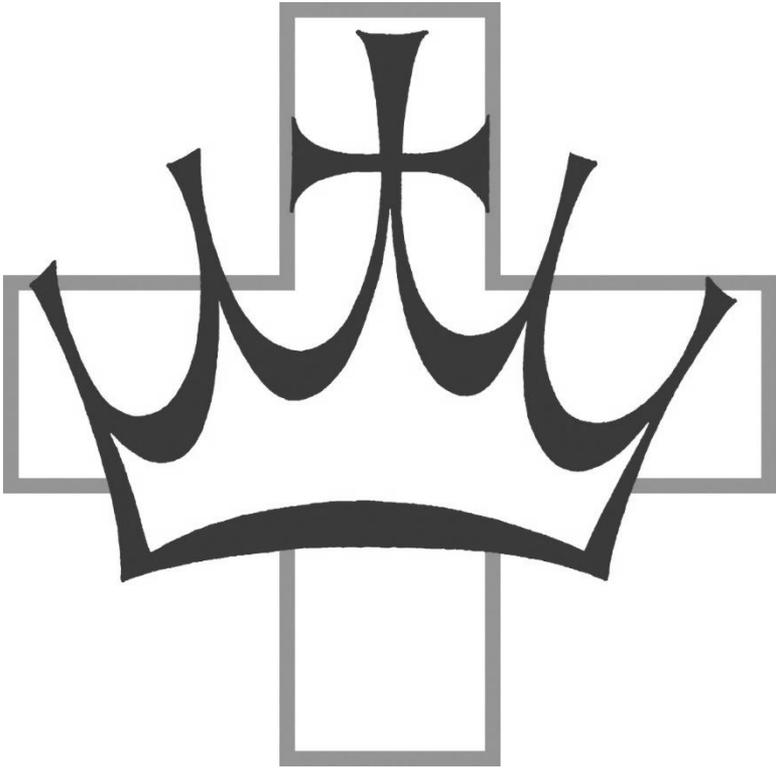


# The Lutheran Church of the Savior

**A Community of Faith:** *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



"For 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."

*Revelation 7:17*

## Order of Worship

*November 2, 2025 10:45 AM*

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## **Introit**

*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

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.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

## Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

*Thank you.*

# All Saints' Day

## Divine Service

Welcome

**Opening Song**

Offering

*Baloche*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus x2, Tag*

*Verse*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of heaven  
It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy  
Lord, I come

*Chorus*

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
O Lord I bring an offering to You  
I bring an offering to You

*Verse*

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*Chorus x2*

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Holy Lord, as we stand in your presence, we are aware of our sins of thought, word, and action.

**C** **We have not lived our lives according to your will.**

**P** We have failed to live up to your expectations.

**C** **We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess our sins to you:

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Song

Nearer

Walker

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Verse 3, Chorus x2

There is a place, a place that's safe  
a place of hope

here in Your pre - sence, Lord. There is a place  
where sor-rows they

where fears fade a - way here in Your pre - sence,  
fade and dreams are re-made

Lord. So we draw near-er, near-er, near-er, near-er Lord, near-er to Your

throne. So we draw near-er, near-er, near-er, near-er, Lord, near-er to Your

throne. There is a place, Lord. There is a place, a place of

grace here in Your pre - sence, Lord, where sin and all shame,

they're tak-en a - way here in Your pre - sence,

Lord. So we draw near-er, near-er, near-er, near-er Lord, near-er to Your

throne. So we draw

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## Collect 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. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

## First Reading

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After 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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I 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.

<sup>15</sup>“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.

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

<sup>17</sup>For 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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>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, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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.**

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**



# Song of the Day

## At The Foot Of The Cross

Scott

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Verse 1, Chorus x2

At the foot of the cross, where grace—  
At the foot of the cross, where I—  
and suf - fer - ing — meet, — You have shown me Your love—  
am made — com - plete, — You have giv - en me life—  
through the judge - ment You re - ceived; — And You've won—  
through the death — You bore for me; — And You've won—  
my — heart, — and You've won — my — heart; —  
my — heart, — and You've won — my — heart; —  
Now I can trade these ash - es in for beau - ty,  
and wear for - give - ness like a crown; — Com - ing to kiss the feet of  
Mer - cy, I lay ev - 'ry bur - den down at the foot of the — cross—  
at the foot of the — cross. —

# Sermon



## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- P** You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
**C** **the eternal Son of the Father.**
- P** You overcame the sting of death  
**C** **and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- P** You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
**C** **We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**C** **Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

- P** With hope in Christ and in the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those in this congregation who have died in the last year:

*The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.*

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Resurrection and the Life, and through your victory you have brought us eternal righteousness, joy, and holiness. As you have promised, we pray, bring us a joyful resurrection to life and a homecoming in the eternal paradise of our Father's kingdom. You, Jesus, are arisen from death, and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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## Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Response after each petition*

- L** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Song**

### My Reward

*Baloche*

*Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus x2*

#### *Verse*

I want to hear You say the words to me, "Well done"  
I want to hear You say, "Good and faithful servant"  
I want to hear You say, "I've prepared a place for you"  
Let all the treasures of this world fade away

#### *Chorus*

Jesus, You are my reward  
To hear Your voice on that day  
Is all I'm living for  
Jesus, You are my reward  
To see Your face on that day  
Is all I'm living for

*Verse*

I want to hear You say the words to me, "Well done"  
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Let all the treasures of this world fade away

*Chorus*

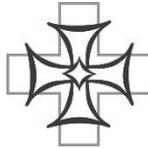
Jesus, You are my reward  
To hear Your voice on that day  
Is all I'm living for  
Jesus, You are my reward  
To see Your face on that day  
Is all I'm living for

*Bridge*

In the twinkling of an eye  
We'll all be changed  
We'll meet You in the sky  
We will see You face to face

*Chorus x2*

Jesus, You are my reward  
To hear Your voice on that day  
Is all I'm living for  
Jesus, You are my reward  
To see Your face on that da  
Is all I'm living for



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# Resources for Meditation this Week

## ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

2 November 2025

### Readings

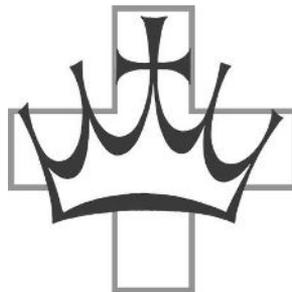
Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17

1 John 3:1–3

Matthew 5:1–12

### ***Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ***

*"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and countless saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). 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. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. 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 are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).*



**Readings**

Exodus 3:1–15

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

Luke 20:27–40

***The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection***

Christians live as *"sons of God, being sons of the resurrection"* (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God *"is not God of the dead, but of the living"* (Luke 20:38). *"Those who deny that there is a resurrection"* (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know *"that the dead are raised"* (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel's sufferings and has *"come down to deliver them"* (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God's chosen people, by which He is *"remembered throughout all generations"* (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who *"takes his seat in the temple of God"* (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine *"with the breath of his mouth"* (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, *"stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught"* (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God's promise of love, comfort and good hope.

