

*All Saints Sunday*  
*November 1, 2020*

# WELCOME

*It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today. We especially remember those who are not able to be with us this morning and keep them in our prayers.*

*For the safety of all, we ask throughout the worship service that you please wear your face mask. If it becomes troublesome to breathe, please excuse yourself and go to the hallway (if possible) prior to removing your mask. We understand that breathing may be challenging for several of us, feel free to leave if you need to.*

*If you are in need of a mask, please let our ushers know.*

*The Coronavirus spreads easily through singing, so we are not having congregational singing for a while. As you may have anticipated, projecting our voices also extends the distance of the virus spreading, so it is recommended that you use your library voice as you speak responses in our worship service today.*

*Following worship today, please let us know if you have suggestions for future services. We are all learning new ways together.*

*Visitors are invited to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today. Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church.*

*Large print bulletins for today's worship are available. Feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

*When leaving, please take your bulletin with you so others do not need to touch the same paper.*

*Pastor Nicholson will be available outside following worship to talk with you. You are encouraged to exit the building and talk with persons outdoors as well.*

*If by chance you contract the virus in the next couple of days, please let the church know so we can try to contact those who sat near you.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me**  
**and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take refuge in God!**  
**Come, let us worship the Lord.**

## Shall We Gather at the River

*Because of the Coronavirus, we ask that you please listen to the music and meditate on the words. You may hum along if you choose.*

1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

# WORD

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Open My Eyes” Adeline Hooper, Rose and Gerry Wilson

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I 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.

<sup>15</sup>For 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.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for 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.**

## SERMON

## ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithfully departed. But we grieve for our beloved ones as well, knowing that God honors our tears.

Let us pray:

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for the years to come,  
we give thanks for those in generations past  
who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world.  
As we pray, we know we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of  
witnesses. Yet even as we name these forbearers of the faith,  
we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten,  
who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Thurman "Bud" D. Hassler</i>     | <i>November 5, 2019</i>  |
| <i>Howell G. Hammond</i>            | <i>December 5, 2019</i>  |
| <i>Betty Pheil</i>                  | <i>December 14, 2019</i> |
| <i>John J. Hornbaker</i>            | <i>December 19, 2019</i> |
| <i>Ursula J. Criswell</i>           | <i>January 4, 2020</i>   |
| <i>Charles W. Caskey</i>            | <i>January 15, 2020</i>  |
| <i>Michael A. Heaps</i>             | <i>February 6, 2020</i>  |
| <i>Helen "Becky" R. Leeper</i>      | <i>March 22, 2020</i>    |
| <i>Daniel Wade Savary</i>           | <i>April 5, 2020</i>     |
| <i>Anna Benini Thomas</i>           | <i>April 22, 2020</i>    |
| <i>Betty "Skip" C. Stake</i>        | <i>May 8, 2020</i>       |
| <i>Clyde R. Williams, Jr.</i>       | <i>June 6, 2020</i>      |
| <i>Tina Marie Reed</i>              | <i>July 7, 2020</i>      |
| <i>Charles W. Ulrich</i>            | <i>July 17, 2020</i>     |
| <i>Dr. Rose Helen Merrell-James</i> | <i>August 10, 2020</i>   |

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family.  
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.**

## **Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand**

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| 1 Oh, happy day when we shall stand<br>amid the heav'nly throng;<br>and sing with hosts from ev'ry land<br>the new celestial song,<br>the new celestial song.           | 3 Oh, what a mighty rushing flood<br>of joy and love and peace<br>will roll down over us with good<br>and blessedness and grace,<br>and blessedness and grace. |
| 2 Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come<br>and show himself as Lord,<br>and thousands meet in their new home<br>which Jesus has prepared,<br>which Jesus has prepared. | 4 O Lord, your grace is ev'rything;<br>your love has made us free<br>to stand among the saints and sing<br>the glory that we see,<br>the glory that we see.    |

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. composite

## **OUR RESPONSE**

**OFFERING** *Returning our thanks to God with our offering is a regular part of our worship service. To reduce the odds of spreading the coronavirus, we have placed the offering plates at the entrances to our worship service. You are encouraged to present your gifts to God as you leave worship today.*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, 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 care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**NICENE CREED**

**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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**Remember in your prayers...**

|                        |                         |                      |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Ruth Blair (11/26)     | Christian Bruce (11/14) | Sandy Curfman        |
| Aloma Dawkins          | Ernie Fricke            | Rick Gates (11/14)   |
| Bonnie Goshen (11/12)  | Nancy Jacobs            | Elva Kroeger         |
| John Newcomer          | Dalton Paul (11/26)     | Elaine Singer        |
| Dia Schumacher (11/23) | Grace Williams (11/17)  | Evelyn Scott         |
| James Warne            | Jim Woods (11/26)       | Private Parker Brown |



The altar flowers are placed in loving memory of the saints who have gone before us by Sally Herritt and family.

**Prayers:** Becky Hoover

**Soundboard:** Bob Lawyer

**October 25 Attendance:** In person 54  
On line: 61 views x 2 = 122 (ELCA formula)

## **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPETS**

*“I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*  
—Psalm 34:

Today we begin our culture’s month of thanksgiving by giving thanks for the lives of the saints now at rest. This week spend time thanking God for those who have helped form your faith and encouraged your discipleship walk.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

|                  |            |                               |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School                 |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | All Saints Worship            |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting                 |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Stewardship via zoom          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 p.m.  | Zoom Bible Study              |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Property Committee            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | LWR Quilters                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School                 |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | Worship (receive new members) |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**NEW MEMBERS** First Lutheran Church will be receiving new members on November 8. If you are considering membership, please contact Pastor Nicholson at [flcpastor@outlook.com](mailto:flcpastor@outlook.com) or 717-264-2015.

**COUNCIL NOMINEES** First Lutheran is in need of persons who are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council for the years 2021 through 2023. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Gertrude Kampmeyer, Tom Kriner, or Tim Gotwald. Please encourage others who have gifts needed for this to apply as well. The congregation Meeting to elect council members will be held Sunday, November 15 following worship.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** First Lutheran will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 15 following the 10:45 worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2021.



**CONGREGATION MEETING** The congregation meeting to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> following worship will have a **virtual option** for those uncomfortable attending in-person. There will be a way for you to speak and listen to the meeting (through a secure & private Zoom meeting), and there will also be a secure way for you to place your vote remotely. **You must pre-register to attend the meeting virtually.** Please contact Theo if you would like to register to attend this meeting virtually. Make your subject line: “*Congregational Meeting*” when you email Theo. The deadline to register for this meeting is **November 9<sup>th</sup> at Midnight**. Theo’s email is: [Theo.FELCC@gmail.com](mailto:Theo.FELCC@gmail.com)

**BACK PACK PROGRAM** November suggested items are: Canned fruit or fruit cups in light syrup; dried fruit such as raisins, plums and cranberries; and applesauce. Thank you for your continued support of this much-needed program.



**THE GIVE AND TAKE BOX** If you are able, please pick up a few items to share. Remember this box supplies personal care items. Needed items include shampoo, deodorant, tissues, toothpaste and brushes, hand soap, body soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent, band aids, toilet paper. Thank you.



**SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY** You may make a contribution to the programs the auxiliary supports at Luther Ridge for 2020. Please send your donation to Marjorie Dale, Auxiliary President, 235 Woodvale Drive, Chambersburg, 17201 Any questions please call Marjorie at 717-860-7544.

**LAUNDRY DAYS** These events involve many people-contributors, organizers, event volunteers and those who pray for the team and for our neighbors. Come join us. We can always use more help and ideas. Quarter collection is resuming. You may drop them off at the church office or place them in the detergent tub or basket at the entrance/exits to the sanctuary. Neighborhood Task Team