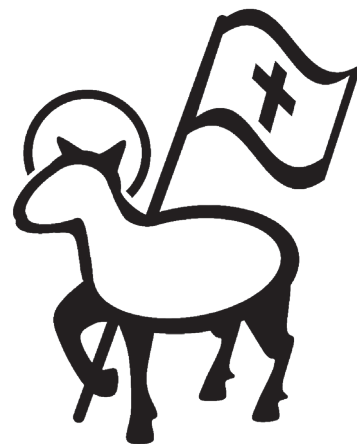


All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday (Year B)

All Saints Day is the day on which we remember the lives of those faithful Christians who have gone before us unto death in the past year. The Scriptures offer us hope in the promise of Jesus' resurrection power in our lives. We look forward to seeing the Lamb of God face to face in that place where tears no longer exist. Christ is our comforter and King forever; his life is our life and we live to worship him.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

God Will Wipe Away All Tears

John reported that in his vision he saw the 144,000 of Israel sealed with a sign of God's blessing and identity. Then a great number of people from all nations stood before the throne of the Lamb of God. They were dressed in white and sang, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Psalm 149

Sing to the Lord a New Song

The psalmist praised the name of the Lord and encouraged the congregation to sing along with him. The children of Zion have great joy in their King and the Lord takes pleasure in his people whom he loves.

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

We Are God's Children Now

Because God loves us with a great love, John explained, we have the blessing of being called his children. What we will be in the future is unknown, except that we will be like him when he appears to us once again. For all who put their hope in Christ will be made pure because he is pure and he grants that to his people.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Your Reward is Great in Heaven

As Jesus took his place on the mountain top, he delivered his greatest sermon which we call, "The Beatitudes." In these important words he proclaimed how God takes what the world would call a curse and makes it into our greatest blessing. Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the pure in heart, and the persecuted, because they shall receive the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles' Creed in Ordinary Time
- Consider researching some of the history of your congregation and presenting some stories about the faithfulness of the parish's founding members. Some may remember the names, and many more will probably hear of their ministry and service for the very first time.
- Remind the Baptized how they are saint and sinner at the same time. This is very freeing news for all who walk with Jesus because though we try to be faithful, we often fall short and need forgiveness.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	352	---	461	619	274	274
Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise	---	801	680	826	41	---
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones	175	---	670	424	174	---
For All the Saints	174	---	677	422	175	---
Behold a Host, Arrayed in White	314	---	676	425	173	---
Shall We Gather at the River?	---	690	---	423	275	275
Jerusalem, My Happy Home	331	---	673	628	---	web
Sing With All the Saints in Glory	---	691	671	426	---	---
Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!	553	---	813	---	---	---
Jesus, I Long for Your Blessed Communion	---	---	---	---	82	82

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

The Sound of the Saints
(CCLI# 7027411)
This is Amazing Grace
(CCLI# 6333821)
Over and Over
(CCLI# 7107547)
Just Give Me Jesus
(CCLI# 7113663)
What Love My God
(CCLI# 7073335)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.