



THEY HAVE WASHED
THEIR ROBES AND
MADE THEM WHITE
IN THE BLOOD
OF THE LAMB.

REVELATION 7:14

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew.

LBW, green hymnal *Please stand as able.



As part of our All-Saints' Service, we remember with a prayer of thanksgiving to God the following departed loved ones who were members of First Lutheran or in whose funerals or memorial services Pastor Tom Thorstad participated in since last All Saints' Day:

Donna Peterson Lois Swan Marilyn Fink

Prelude

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- *Hymn: "For All the Saints" vv. 1-4 **LBW 174**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- *This Is the Feast P. 60
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which 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.

Children's Sermon (*Children go to Sunday School after this.*)

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. ¹⁵Therefore 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."

Psalm 149 (*responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

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.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed 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."

SERMON: "POOR IN SPIRIT, BUT STRONG IN FAITH"

*Hymn of the Day: "For All the Saints" vv. 5-8

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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Lord of heaven and earth, keep your church attentive and faithful that she may be ready for that day when your redemptive work is complete and all things will be made new in Christ. Bless those who are merciful, patient, long-suffering, and giving.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for all who lived and died believing in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for the memories we share of loved ones whose lives have touched our own; memories that are precious gifts from your most gracious hand. Give us grace to trust your Word and your promise of eternal life together with those who have gone before us, [naming those . . .] encouraged by the witness of their lives of faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of peace, war and violence threaten to destroy the peace and well-being that you desire for your people. Strengthen and sustain those who seek to bring an end to violence and war and those who live in war torn areas. Open our eyes to the ways in which we participate in violent or oppressive situations. Open our mouths to speak words of peace, love and justice when necessary.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful One, look with compassion on your children who are still learning about your never-ending power, love, and mercy. Bring strength and peace to those who need it most [particularly ...]. Help us to understand and accept your eternal healing power.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Remembrance of Departed Loved Ones

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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*Offertory Prayer

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*Great Thanksgiving

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*Words of Institution

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*The Lord's Prayer

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The Lamb of God

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Communion Distribution



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice, and water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

*Thank the Lord

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

* Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*The Postlude

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Attendance Last Saturday,10/28: No Service Last Sunday,10/29: 119 adults & 21 children

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

McKenzie Mielke 11/5/2008

Kylee Heck 11/8/2002

Riley Wrobel 11/10/2009

Roger Bauer 11/11

WOW! WHAT A SPECTACULAR DAY!

This last Sunday was a spectacular day as we celebrated our 150th Anniversary. It couldn't have happened without all of your support. If you missed the service, look online, www.kirklandflc.org . If you want an ornament, visit the fellowship hall. You get one more "wrap- up" article in the next newsletter.

PASTOR'S PLAQUE

Have you seen the plaque that has the history of all our Pastor's? It is in the narthex, please look at the gorgeous piece. This was donated from David Paulson. He also paid for the narthex and fellowship painting. Please sign the "Thank You" card that is in the narthex.

KIRKLAND FOOD PANTRY PREPARES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We are requesting \$20.00 Donations for Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes. Donations can be made in care of either the First Lutheran or the First United Methodist Church. In the memo line, please write "Thanksgiving Dinner".



STEWARDSHIP – DUTY & DELIGHT

Heavenly Father, You give us duties to perform, and purposes to serve. Through Your spirit, help us to see these duties as gifts from You, to be offered to You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sunday 11/5: Join us for coffee and Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after service.

Tuesday 11/7: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30am; Dist., 12-2 pm.

Church Council will be next week on Nov. 14th.

Wednesday 11/8: Bible Study on-line, 7pm.

Saturday 11/11: Worship Service with pledges to the altar, 5:30pm.

Veteran's Day! Please take the time to say "Thank you" to a veteran.



Sunday 11/12: Worship Service with pledges to the altar, Blessing of quilts, and Sunday School to follow, 9am. Newsletter Items due.



PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- The unrest in the Middle East.
- Susan Wilson is dealing with medical issues.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Chuck Schindler, Ina Koehler, James Klus, David Sanderson, Susan & Jim Colgan, Mark Bernhardt, Jim Hetland and Riley Wrobel.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.

Next Week's Readings:

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;

Matthew 25:1-13