

A COMMUNITY CALLED MEMORIAL

“Interconnected!” (and Intergenerational!)

A Celebration of All Saints’ Day



CALL TO WORSHIP

“A Thousand Generations”

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: And a special good morning to you, the church of God that is here in Katy, here at Memorial and with us online; to you who are sanctified, you who are holy ones in Christ Jesus, you who are called to be saints together with all those who in every place and every time call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Today is All Saints’ Sunday. It is a day to celebrate the community of Saints that transcends space and time! Ours is a community filled with God’s Holy people - those who are on earth and those who are in heaven. Through Jesus Christ we are interconnected, from generation to generation to generation. Even those whose departure we remember this day - -they are celebrating with us and praising our God who sits upon His throne. We celebrate together because each of our robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. Through Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven and by his sacrifice on the cross, we can humbly, sorrowfully, yet boldly, approach the throne of God and say:

C: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

Please take a moment for silent confession

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

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

“Boldly I Approach”

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

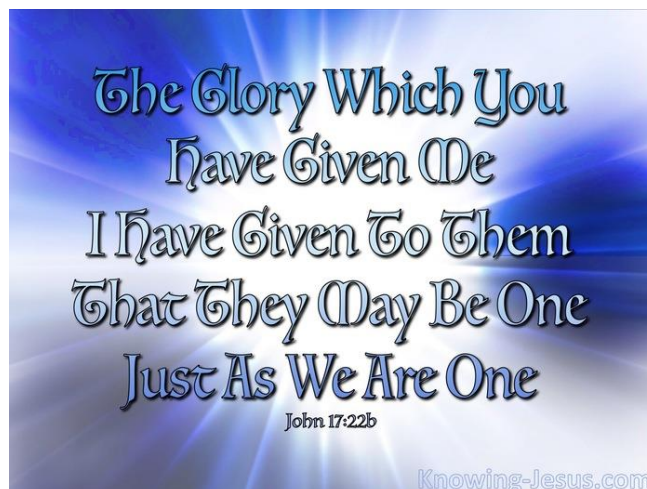
GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God



Please be seated

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:32-12:2

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy — wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING SONG

“Find Us Faithful”

Quartet

SERMON

Pastor Ben Spaulding

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ 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. 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 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ 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.”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Homer Bay	October 11, 1934	April 3, 2020
Bill Blum	October 14, 1944	August 19, 2020
Donnie Heinrich	October 4, 1945	April 21, 2020
Janice Stewart	February 11, 1924	June 1, 2020
Tina Thiele	June 12, 1966	February 1, 2020

SPECIAL MUSIC

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677 vs. 1-2, 4, 6-8

Please stand

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

(Matthew 6: 9 – 13)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

C: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

P: The Lord's Supper is a way in which believers in Jesus Christ proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes, and we look forward to the day when we will join in the feast that has no end. Today, that proclamation is one that resounds here and in your homes and brings the blessings of Holy Communion to you wherever you are. Let us proclaim what we are about to receive, speaking together the words with which our Savior instituted this sacred meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"Revelation Song"

"Wide Open Stand the Gates"

LSB 639

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644

Please stand

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

*P: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called to Stand Together”

LSB 828
(sung to LSB 924)