All Saints Day November 6, 2022



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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Kyrie

- P Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

C Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 40:1-3

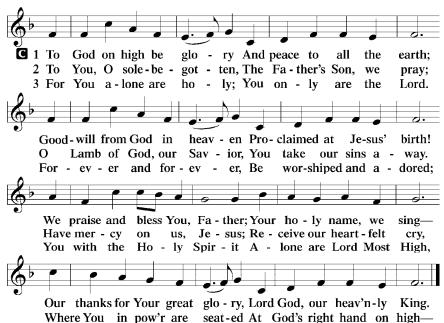
- P I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
- **P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
- P Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm Psalm 149

- P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- C Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- P Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- **©** For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- P Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- P to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- P to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen





God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad

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First Reading Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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.

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

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle 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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
 - 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.
 - ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
 - ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
 - 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
 - ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 - ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
 - ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - ¹¹"Blessed 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."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- 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.

whose kingdom will have no end.

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 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.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,



7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;

The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Δ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

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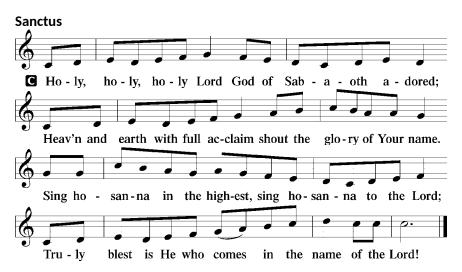
Prayer Response

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- PThe Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

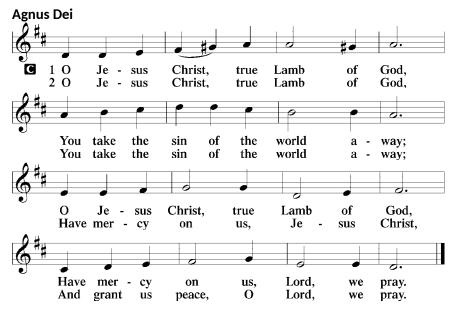


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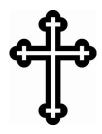
Lord's Prayer

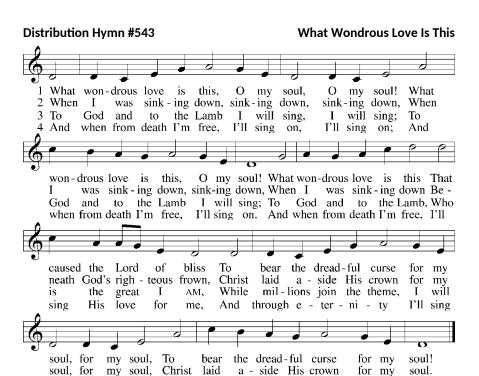
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord



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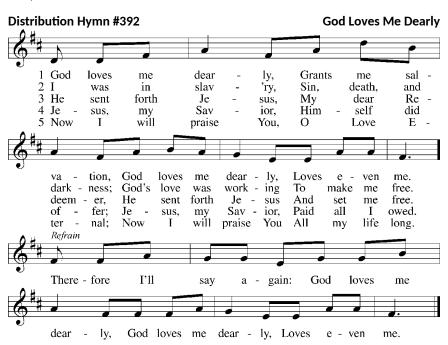
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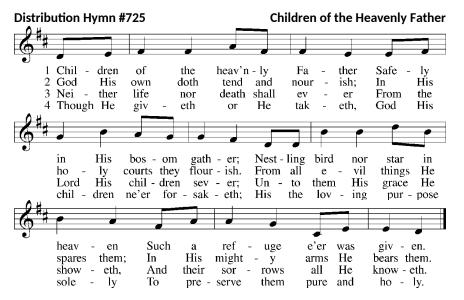
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The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis



Benediction

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements

Today

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 10:30 AM Downstairs

Tuesday

Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 AM

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM
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<u>Operation Christmas Child</u> - One More Week to share Christmas with a child through Operation Christmas Child. Please take a shoebox, label, and instructions from the narthex or downstairs and return it to church no later than November 13th. For more information about youth events or to get involved with the Youth Ministry Team please contact <u>Stacey Staake</u>.

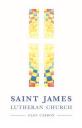
Mark your calendar for **Bunco Night @ St. James this Friday, November 11**th at 6:30 PM. Bring a snack to share!

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to an <u>Open House</u> today, Nov. 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come tour our campus, meet our teachers, chat with administrators and get answers to your questions about everything from academics to extracurriculars to tuition assistance. For more information, call the school office at 618-656-0043 or email admissions@melhs.org.

Helping Hands: Whether it's a box of cereal or a pair of warm socks, we have the means to make a huge difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Please consider supporting two amazing local organizations, Gateway 180 and Violence Prevention Center Southwestern Illinois, by donating some basic personal wear or care items. A list of items needed can be found on the church bulletin board or at the donation box outside the church office. **Donations must be received by Nov. 13.** Questions? Contact Jonathan Schnicker 479-871-2566 or call the church office.



Attendance



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