



Beloved, we are God's
children now, and what we will
be has not yet appeared.

1 John 3:2

ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

11:00 AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “For All the Saints” 677



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war-fare long,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

C **“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”**

P All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

C **“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”**

P 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.

C **‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**

P Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

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T	Brenda Sigmon Garcia	1/6/1940 – 11/4/2020
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T	Margie Belle Sigmon Bowman	12/16/1928 – 1/18/2021
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T	Bobby Eugene Matthews	12/9/1928 – 1/31/2021
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T	Norma “Kay” Propst Bolick	1/11/1938 – 2/2/2021
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T	Carol Lea Fentress McRee	4/14/1926 – 2/8/2021
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T	Brenda Simmons Fulbright	1/21/1941 – 2/15/2021
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T	Mary Sue Rayle Smith	4/23/1933 – 3/20/2021
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T	Rebecca Elmore Jenkins	9/3/1947 – 5/25/2021
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T	Susan Keller Allison	3/27/1960 – 10/4/2021
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T	Joan Elizabeth Rowe	11/9/1929 – 10/13/2021
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P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our friends and family who have gone before us in faith, whom we now name in our hearts. . . giving thanks for their life and witness. Grant us grace to follow them in faith, holding fast to the certainty of Your promise in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.


RESPONSE HYMN “For All the Saints” (st. 6-8) 677



6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray,

C Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 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, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 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.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Children of God Are We”

John A. Behnke

Children of God are we, are we.
What we will be has not yet appeared.
For when He appears we will be like Him
When He appears we will be like Him.
For we shall see Him as He is.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

See 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. Beloved, 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

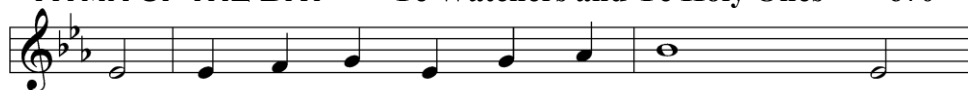
“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

℞ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” 670



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
△ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: “Al - le - lu - ia,
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: “Al - le - lu - ia,



“Al - le - lu - ia!” Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
“Al - le - lu - ia!” Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!” Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
al - le - lu - ia!” To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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SERMON "We Are God's Children Now" Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

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C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 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 He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
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 ^T of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PREFACE

P The 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.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into

our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. We rejoice that by His death and resurrection You have called us to be Your saints and have promised to bless us forever!

Gathered in the name of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to bless us as we share in the one loaf and partake of the one cup of salvation. Along with all Your saints, both those who wait for You on earth and those who are in heaven with You, we praise Your holy name as we say:

C “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD’S PRAYER

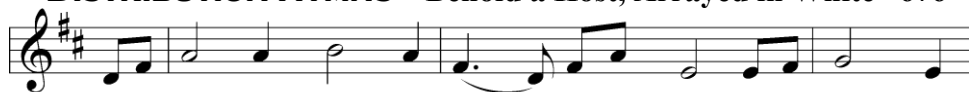
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P The peace **T** of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

We stand.

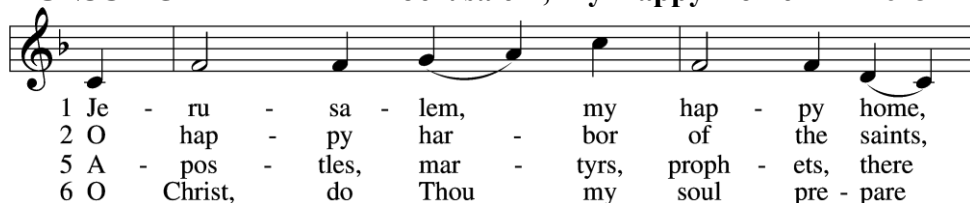
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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

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1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
 5 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there
 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul pre - pare



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
A - round my Sav - ior stand; And soon my friends in
For that bright home of love That I may see Thee



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.
and a - dore With all Thy saints a - bove.

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