

## Historic Scripture Lessons 🕊 for All Saints' Day Festival

### Old Testament

**Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV** On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a Feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, "Surely This is our God; we trusted in Him, and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His Salvation."

### Epistle

**Revelation 7:2-12** Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. 5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, 6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, 7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, 8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. 9 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 in front of the Lamb. They were wearing

white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 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, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

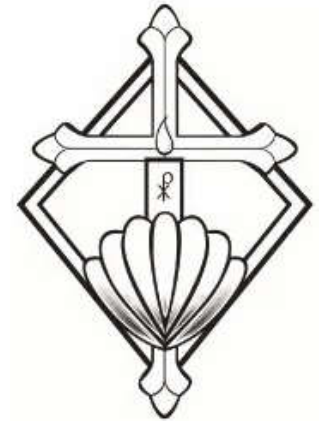
### Historic & 3-Year Gospel (Sermon)

**Matthew 5:1-12** Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, 2 and He began to teach them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



**FOR ALL  
THE SAINTS**

Our Savior  Lakeland, FL   
🕊 All Saints, Observed 🕊



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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## November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ✧ (Trinity-23) 🕊️ *All Saint's Day* 🕊️

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER:** If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. LORD's blessings to you.

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP** On silver liturgy sheets and in (red) Hymnal p.15 .

| Suggested Hymn     | TLH# (vv)  | ...First Line                                      |
|--------------------|------------|--|
| Opening Hymn       | 469 (4v)   | Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken                 |
| (Psalm) Beatitudes | Blest '5v' | Blest Are They, The Poor In Spirit ... ↗           |
| Hymn of the Day    | 463 (8v)   | <b>Sing v1-6</b> For All the Saints Who From...    |
| Offertory Verse    | 463 (8v)   | <b>Sing v7&amp;8</b> From earth's wide bounds, ... |
| Distribution Hymn  | 377 (10)   | Salvation Unto Us Has Come                         |
| Closing Hymn       | 660 (4v)   | I'm But a Stranger Here. Heav'n is Home            |

**Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

| Monday        | Tuesday        | Wednesday    | Thursday     | Friday         | Saturday     |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Joel 3:1-13   | Joel 3:14-21   | Obadiah      | Nahum 1:1-14 | Nah. 1:15-3:19 | Isa. 10:5-27 |
| I Cor. 3:1-23 | Matt. 19:16-30 | Lk. 14:12-15 | Mk. 13:1-37  | Rom. 9:1-23    | Rom. 10:1-21 |

### PROPERs for the FESTIVAL of ALL SAINTS' DAY 🕊️ 🕊️ 🕊️ NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

**INTROIT** A great multitude which no one could number stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice, saying: "Salvation to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ...from Revelation 7:14-15

**COLLECT** O Almighty God, You have knit together Your elect 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 unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one True God, now and forever, **Amen**

**GRADUAL C:** Oh, fear the Lord, all His saints, for there is nothing lacking to them that fear Him. They that seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia! ...from Matthew 11:28

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** (printed on the outside back page of the bulletin)

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| O.T. Isaiah 25:6-9     | The Lord will, or has swallowed up death.      |
| Epi. Revelation 7:2-12 | 12,000 upon 12,000 upon 12K... from 12 tribes. |
| Gos. Matthew 5:1-12    | Beatitudes show true spiritual blessings.      |

♪ Here are words to our "Beatitudes" **Matthew 5** ✧ Please sing along! ♪

Verse 1. ♪ *Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.*

**Refrain C:** ♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God.**

Verse 2. *Blest are they, the low-ly ones; They shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 3. *Blest are they who show mercy; Mer-cy shall- be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; They- shall see God!*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 4. *Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in fa-ith; Th' glory of God is theirs.*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

Verse 5. *Blest are you who suffer hate; All-- because-- of Me.*

*Re-joice and be glad. Yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain*

♪ **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you. Rejoice and be glad!...**

### PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Dee Kurczewski (David)        | Dee - rehabbing. David back working                     |
| Carolyn Miner (Don)           | Carolyn had brain bleed stroke. Home recovering well    |
| Jon & Andrea Sawyer           | Jon's heart, resuming work. Andrea started new work     |
| Ethel Wendt (Steve)           | PTL Ethel had (major) surgery. Recovering well at home  |
| Barb Wolkens                  | Barb seriously stiff neck. Doctors don't know cause yet |
| James Vanesky & Delores Platt | Both at home rehabbing. We miss them                    |

| Volunteers | Today                | Next Sunday        |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Greeters   | Elaine Jones         | Orpha & John Weber |
| Treaters   | Pam & Dave Wiesenaue |                    |

| Statistics                     | Last week     | Year To Date / Avg. |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sunday, Attendance (Communion) | 27 / (-)      | 20 / 17             |
| Bible Class Attendance: Sunday | 9             | 10                  |
| Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD | \$. (\$1,350) | YTD\$, (\$59.3K)    |

| Calendar of Events  |                                   |   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Today November 4 <sup>th</sup><br>(Trinity-23 Sunday)<br>All Saints, Observed | 8:30 am<br>9:30 am<br>10:45 ff... | Bible Study Figures of Christ: King 🏰<br><b>Divine Worship (WITH Communion)</b><br>"FFF" = Fellowship (& Clear hall-Election) |
| Tuesday, 11/6   | 7am-7 pm                          | Midterm Election Day (OSL = Poll Place)   |
| Thursday, 11/8  | 1:30 pm                           | OSL NOV. Council Meeting in hall  |
| Saturday, 11/10   | 10 - 2 pm                         | FWMS Mission Rally-Peace S. Lakeland  |
| Next Sunday 11/11<br>Trinity-23 Sunday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> -Last Sun. of Year  | 8:30 am<br>9:30 am<br>10:45 ff... | Bible Study Figures of Christ: Priest<br><b>Divine Worship (NO Communion)</b><br>"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!     |

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.

✧ Basket for FWMS Florida Women's Missions is placed at back these two Sundays.

Next Sunday 11/11 Trinity-3<sup>rd</sup>-Last (p.5 No L.S.) ♪ #s 9 Ps.91 407 644 315 613

**ALL-SAINTS' (OBSERVED) Matthew 5:1-12 "WHAT'S A SAINT?" 11.04.18 OSL**

**INTRO.- WHAT'S A SAINT?** What comes to your mind when you hear the word "**Saint**"? Mental pictures of men and women long dead whose relics are enshrined in ancient Cathedrals? Images of people who appear to be so spiritual that they are exempt from sin? The New Testament gives us another picture. Saints are believers in Jesus Christ made Holy by His blood. For that reason the Apostle Paul, for example, writes to "*the **Saints** in Corinth*" or "*To all God's beloved in Rome, called to be **Saints**.*" In other words, Saints are Christians. Saints are **in Heaven** before the Throne of the Lamb singing hymns of High Doxology in praise of their Redeemer. And saints **are here on earth**, joined together with "*Angels, archangels, and the whole company of Heaven*" (ala, the **Proper Preface**) praising the same Lord Who is adored in Heaven.

**JESUS = BEATITUDE/S** Whether in Heaven or on earth, the saints are not self-made. We were made saints **by the Lord Whose Blood has purchased salvation** for us and whose Word declares us to holy and blessed. That takes us to the Holy **Gospel** appointed to be read in the churches on All Saints' Sunday. We know this section of Holy Scriptures as the "Beatitudes," the words of blessing. **Martin Franzmann** summarizes the thrust of today's Gospel when he writes, "*Jesus' Beatitudes declare what He is and what He gives.*" Our Lord Jesus Christ Who speaks these Words of the **Sermon on the Mount** is actually **speaking about Himself**.

**HOW JESUS IS \_ \_ \_** Jesus is the One Who is **poor in spirit**, as in His Humiliation He is totally and completely dependent on His Father and receives from His Father the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is the One **Who mourns**. He is "*well-acquainted with grief*," says the **Prophet Isaiah**. He **weeps over Jerusalem**, as she does not know her Messiah and He is comforted by the Father who **turns His grief into perpetual joy in His Resurrection** from the dead. The High-born Prince of Heaven is not ashamed to humble Himself to be born of a Virgin, coming to us in all lowliness and **meekness, gentle and lowly** in heart. He rides into Jerusalem as a Passenger on a lowly donkey, moving toward Calvary. To Him is given "*All authority in heaven and on earth.*" As the only-begotten Son of the Father, **He inherits the earth**. This Lord says, "*My 'food' is to do the work of Him Who sent me, and to accomplish His work*" (**John 4:34**), and He is **thirsty...for our salvation**. And He is **filled**, for His death on the Cross has won for us the very Righteousness of God. Sent from the Heart of the Father, the Son is **merciful** and He has **obtained mercy**, not for Himself, but for us who were destitute in our sin. The Son demonstrated the **purity of heart** as with single-minded obedience He held fast to His Father's Word and will when assaulted by Satan's **temptation in the wilderness** and again as He willingly suffered and

died under the **death sentence that belonged to us**. Crucified and risen, He sees His Father's face in glory everlasting. He is the Prince of Peace Who makes peace for us by the Blood of His Cross, reconciling us to His Father so that we are now sons of God. He is persecuted for righteousness' sake and in the shame of that suffering brings His Kingdom - **the Kingdom of Heaven** - to us sinners. Like the prophets of old, He is **reviled and falsely accused**. Yet for the joy that is set before Him, He endures the Cross so that His reward becomes our reward.

**IS ALL FOR US!** All that the Son of God is, **He is for us**. His blessedness is **our** blessedness. This Lord Jesus Christ is the Blessed One Who comes in the Name of the Lord and in His Cross, He makes us blessed. That is why our Lord says (in **John 14**) "*I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*" And so in the Book of **Revelation** it is announced from Heaven, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ... that they might rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.*" (**Revelation 14:13**)

**A GREAT CLOUD OF...** And so today, **All Saints' Sunday**, we are reminded that we are surrounded by so **great a cloud of witnesses**. We are **not walking alone** on this pilgrimage to the City whose Builder and Maker is God. We are saints here on earth and we share in a blessed, sweet Communion with those whose rest is won. Some of you come to church on this All Saints Sunday with the memory of a parent, grandparent, a spouse, even a child or other loved one who died in the faith **fresh in your memory**. They are at the same Table with us today, as there is another side to this Altar that the human eye cannot see and sitting at the other side of the Table are all those who have died in the Lord. While here in time and space we eat and drink the Lamb of God's Body and Blood, they feast at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Suffering and shame are gone. Tears are wiped away. Their joy is everlasting. Thanks be to God!

**WE ARE ONE WITH** And we are **one with them**. Yes, it is true, to use the words of that majestic hymn which we just sang (TLH 463) "*We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.*" But we are one with them in our Lord Jesus Christ. They were redeemed by His Blood and so are we. They were Baptized into Christ and so are we. Today we are given a glimpse of the future that awaits us (The **Supper**) and with that glimpse of the glory that is yet to come, the encouragement to press on, to run the race set before us with all the vigor that the Gospel gives, for God is faithful and He will bring us to His Heavenly Kingdom. "*Salvation belongs to our God Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.*" **Blessed All Saints**.

*The peace of God which passes all understanding guard and keep you to life everlasting. Amen.*

**Possible Prayer of Church** 🕊️ **All Saints' Sunday** Sunday, November 4, 2018

*Let us pray to the Lord our God Who raised Jesus from the dead.*

Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one Communion in the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole **Church in Heaven and on earth Your light and peace**. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant that all who have been Baptized into Christ's death and Resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful **Resurrection**. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Grant that all who have been nourished and will be nourished here by the **Holy Body and Blood** of Your Son may be raised from immortality and corruption to be seated with Him at Your Heavenly Banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Give to all who mourn (including **Elma Hendricks & Bev Foster**) comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Give courage and faith to Your people who pass through difficult and trying times [*especially commending to Your care this day* **OSL Prayer List**].

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Give them relief according to Your will and strength to meet the challenges ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and final healing at the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

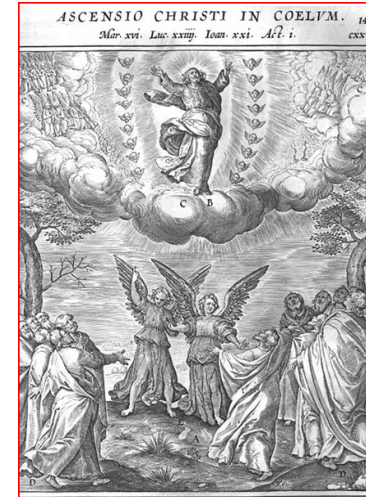
Remember in Your kindness all entrusted with civil authority among us, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Raise up ever new servants of the Word, and strengthen and sustain those whom You have sent, that the good news of sin's forgiveness and death's defeat may bring everlasting joy to Your elect. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors (including **James Hendricks & Sue Smith**). Keep us in fellowship with **All Your Saints**, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL   
(23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity)  **All Saint's Day, Observed**  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 🕊️ 9:30 am



From "Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" by **Jerome Nadal** -- **Revelation 7, All the Saints adore Jesus in Heaven.**

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**ALT. INTRODUCTION** There is an old **legend of a swan and a crane**. A beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder and then inquired:

"Where do you come from?"

"I come from heaven!" replied the swan.

"And where is heaven?" asked the crane.

"Heaven!" said the swan, "Heaven! have you never heard of heaven?" And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls made of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations. In eloquent terms the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.

Finally the crane asked: "Are there any snails there?"

"Snails!" repeated the swan; "no! Of course there are not."

"Then," said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, "you can have your heaven. I want snails!"

This fable has a deep truth underlying it. How many a young person to whom God has granted the advantages of a Christian home, has turned his back upon it and searched for snails! How many a man will sacrifice his wife, his family, his all, for the snails of sin! How many a girl has deliberately turned from the love of parents and home to learn too late that heaven has been forfeited for snails! ... ↗