Welcome

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

November 1, 2026



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Worship Theme

It's Time to Focus on the Future

Pastor Brian Roloff

OPENING HYMN:

#880 For All the Saints (vs.1-6)

V1. For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

V2. Thou wast their rock,
their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear,
their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

V3. Oh, may thy soldiers,
faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old
and win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

V4. Oh, blest communion,
fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
they in glory shine;
yet all are one
in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

V5. And when the fight is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave
again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

V6.

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful
warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm
of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

INVOCATION

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PROMISE OF HEAVENLY GLORY

P: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

C: I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

P: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

C: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

P: He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

C: He said: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: While we eagerly anticipate being with our Lord and reunited with all the saints in glory, this side of heaven we struggle with sin and temptation and much weakness. We live in faith and daily repentance, confessing our sins to the Lord and looking to him for forgiveness and salvation.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you have washed away our sins in the blood of the Lamb and covered us in his righteousness. Keep our eyes fixed on the inexpressible joys that you have graciously promised those who love you so that we may gladly endure all shame and suffering...

P: for the privilege of bearing your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

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.

And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

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:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come 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
spread his tent over them.
Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

“The sun will not beat upon them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
he will lead them to springs of living
water.
And God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.”

SUNG RESPONSE: #884
Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!

...

When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.



THE WORD

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: #690 Blest Are They (vs.1-5)

V1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

V2. Blest are they, the lowly 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!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

V3. Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy 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!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

V4. Blest are they who seek peace,
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

V5. Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!



THE WORD

SERMON TEXT

1 John 3:1-3
(EHV)

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed.

We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.





SERMON THEME

We have the hope of being home with God

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!

See **the kind of love** the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!

See the kind of love the Father has given **us** that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!

See the kind of love the **Father** has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!

See the kind of love the Father **has given** us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be **called children of God**, and that is what we are!

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be **called children of God**, and that **is what we are**!

Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed.

Dear friends, we are children of God now, but **what we will be has not yet been revealed**.

We know that **when he is revealed we will be like him**, and **we will see him as he really is**.

Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

P: As we celebrate the festival of All Saints Day, we remember the faithful who have gone before us, who sit before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. ...

P: We especially remember those who have departed from among our congregation in the past year. Though our hearts ache from the loss of their physical presence, we yearn for our reunion in heaven at the marriage feast of the Lamb. Let us go to God in prayer, and find hope in his promise of the resurrection.

P: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

P: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

P: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

P: Your saints will triumph forever in the new heavens and the new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate a joyful eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

P: Comfort us as we remember your promises, and recall those members of our congregation who have entered the church triumphant this past year:

† David Lentz †

P: The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

C: Just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

† Gloria Marschel †

P: “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;

C: I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

P: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory.

C: Amen.

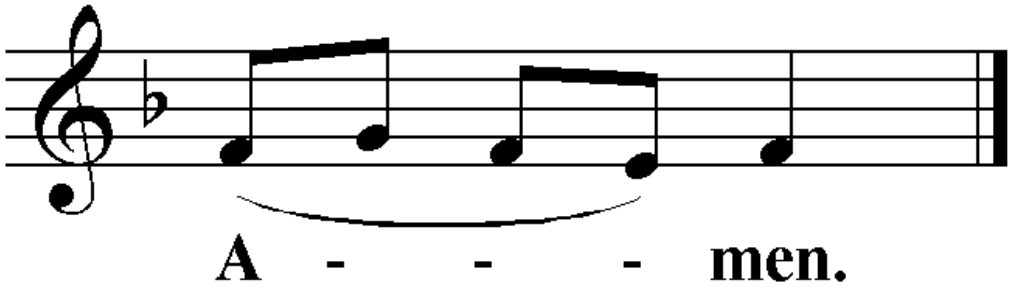
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:



Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



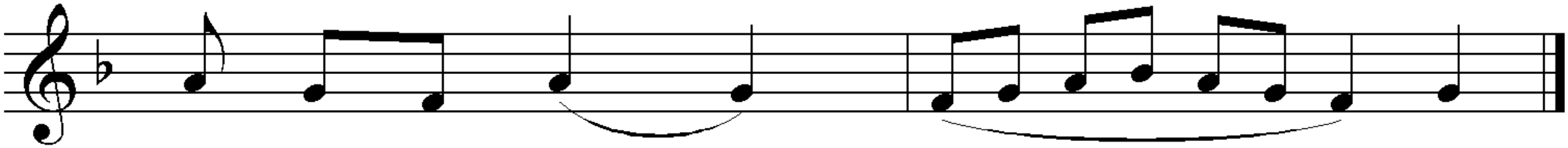
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us Your peace. A - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of Ascension Lutheran and other churches in fellowship in the WELS or ELS are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you first speak with our pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to help anyone to take this step.

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#886 Blessed Are They

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

V1.

Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
from ev'ry nation and tongue,
stood before God and the Lamb
at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

V2.

They’ll neither hunger nor thirst,
death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes
by the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

V3.

Blessing and honor, they cry,
unto the Lamb that was slain,
redeeming us with his blood
in the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

V4.

Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
sanctified, ransomed, restored,
thund'rously sing a new song
of the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

V5.

Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
to receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen
for the marriage feast of the Lamb!

Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called,
blessed are they which are called
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

The Blessings of The Lord's Supper

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

LIFE AND SALVATION



PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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.

CLOSING HYMN:

#885 There Is a Higher Throne (vs.1-2)

V1. There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes.

Refrain: Hear heav'ns voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high
forevermore.

V2. And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honor him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with him.

Refrain: Hear heav'ns voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings
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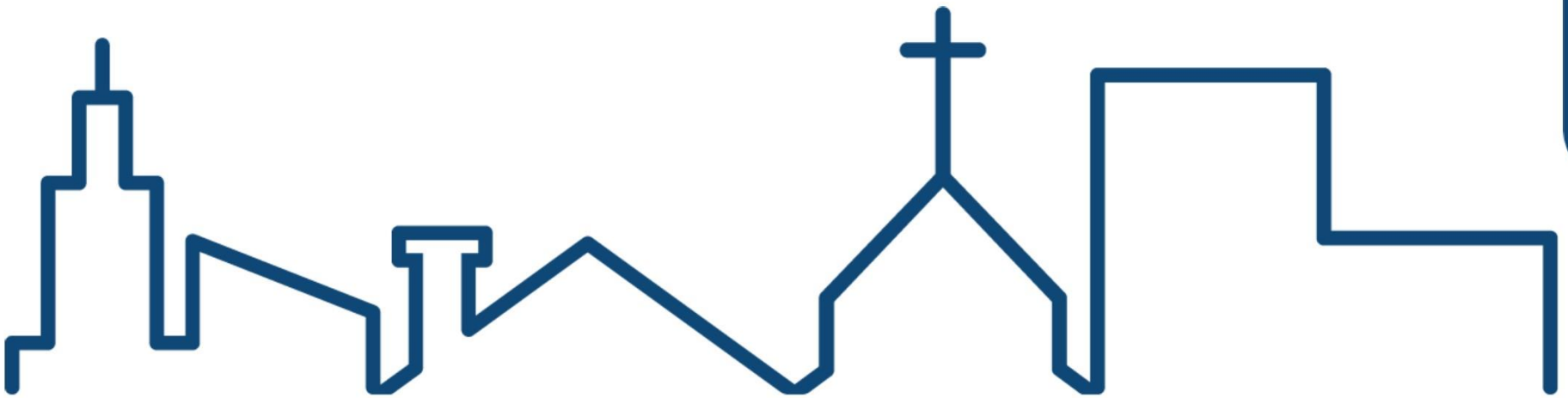
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