

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!"

Gospel

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.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL USA
(22nd Sunday after Trinity)  **All Saints Sunday**
November 1st, 2015 ☩ 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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November 1st, 2015 (Trinity-22) 🕊️ 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.

OUR SAVIOR WORSHIP ORDER (Red) TLH hymnals starting at **p. 15**

Hymns	TLH# (v)	1 st Line of Hymn
Invocation Hymn	465 (4v)	Christ Is Our Corner-Stone
Hymn of the Day	613 (4v)	Jerusalem, the Golden
Offertory Verse	656 (3v)	<i>Sing v.1 Behold, A Host, Arrayed in White</i>
Distribution Hymn	463 (8v)	<i>Sing vv. as time permits</i> For All the Saints
Closing Hymn	63-464 (6v)	<i>(Finish 463, then)</i> Blest Be the Tie That...

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays of the 22nd Sunday after Trinity

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Micah6:9-5:1 Isa.49:14-21 Isaiah 2:10-21 Isa. 63:1-6 Joel 2:1-11 Joel 2:12-27
 Matt.18:1-22 Mk. 9:33-50 Lk.17:20-37 Rom8:24-39 Mk.12:1-12 Mt.25:14-30

PROPERs FOR THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS' DAY 🕊️🕊️🕊️ NOVEMBER 1

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! 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... from 12 tribes.
 Gos. **Matthew 5:1-12** Beatitudes show true spiritual blessings.

OFFERING HYMN VERSE (sung as the Offering is brought up) #656 Sing v.1
 1. Behold a Host, arrayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
 With palms they stand. Who is this band Before the throne of light?
 Lo, these are they of glorious fame Who from the great affliction came
 And in the flood of Jesus' Blood Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
 Now gathered in the Holy Place, Their voices they in worship raise,
 Their anthems swell where God doth dwell, Mid angels' songs of praise. A

PRAYER REQUESTS:	Member or Relation	Pray for...
Jeanette Ammann	(Donna's daughter)	Health. Pray for healing and peace
Pastor TTL	Pastor had surgery Wed. and hopefully is serving again today	
Alex (& Ilene) Gourley	Welcome still Al & Ilene. Alex 'lost' (shoulder) sling!	
Elma & Jim Hendricks	E&J's health and Elma's brother and sister-in-law	
Linda Kryszak	Linda's ongoing health. Plus stress of moving house	
Dee Kurczewski	(David) Dee's ongoing health. Dee at home. David helps	
Mary, Pam & Karen	Friends & family of DonnaM, all battling health issues	
Vivian Temple	(Tom) Vivian showing improvement at home. Tom helping	
Janice Thomas	The Lord is strengthening Janice in battling health issues	
Jim(& Delores)Vanesky	Jim in Highland Lakes Ctr. rehab. & Delores' health	
Steve(& Ethel) Wendt, Rita & Victor Wendt family	Victor is with All Saints	

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Bev & Don Wienke	Joan Patrick
Treaters	Andrea & Jon Sawyer	Hot Dogs (<-Who is That?)
(Head)Usher	Leroy Dux	Leroy Dux

Statistics	Last Sunday	Year to date (Avg)
Sunday Attendance (Communion)	28(- -)	28 (24)
Bible Class Attend (Sunday School)	10 (!)	12 (.5)
Last Sunday Offering (Year To Date)	\$.00	\$.01
Avg. Sunday Needed (for Budget)	\$1,500.00	\$63,000.01

Calendar of Events		
Sunday, 11/1	8:30 am	OSL Bible Study Sacrament, Lord's Sup
(Trinity22) Sunday	9:30 am	OSL Worship (WITH Communion)
All Saints Day	10:45 ff...	OSL Fellowship, Coffee...Please stay
(Polk County) Area	11:00 am	PLL Worship (WITH Communion) -RV
Reformation Mass	4:00 pm	RWH Reformation Worship & Meal
Wednesday, 4th	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Peace Topic TBT
Saturday, 11/7	11:00 am	OSL Catechism Class (Mariah) at OSL
Sunday, 11/8	8:30 am	OSL Bible Study Sacrament, Lord's Sup
(Trinity23) Sunday	9:30 am	OSL Worship (NO Communion)
3rd-Last Sunday	10:45 ff...	OSL Fellowship, Coffee...Please stay
of the Church Year	11:00 am	PLL Worship (NO Communion)

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 (Still, A) Happy Reformation and Blessed All Saints Day to You 

Next Sunday 11/8 Trinity-3rd-Last (p.5 - No L.S.) #s 68 605.1-4; 5 407 603

ALLSAINTS'DAY(B) Rev7:9-17 & Matt.5:1-12 "HEAVENLY LITURGY" 11/01/15

INTRODUCTION **All Saints' Sunday.** That is what we call this Day in recognition of the fact that our God is not a God of the dead but of the living and those who are alive in Christ live even though they die. All Saints' Sunday -- Saints in heaven **and saints on earth.** So we sing: "*O blest Communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, They in glory shine; yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.*" As we sing that hymn, we can't help but think of **our own family members and friends who have died in the Faith of Jesus and are now praising Him** with heavenly anthems more beautiful than anything that we dare to imagine. As we sing that hymn we are reminded that by God's grace you and I one day will enter into that Victory Celebration that has no end.

The Book of (SAINT John's) Revelation gives us a glimpse of that Heavenly Liturgy. In our (post-)modern world now we often hear people talking about the need to be **multi-cultural or cross-cultural.** Too often that language is used as a cover for those who would **attack Western Culture** - the culture of **dead, white, European males.** But here in the Book of Revelation we have **genuine multi-cultural worship** as those from all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues are joined together in a **single Liturgy** that is centered in the Lamb of our Salvation, Jesus Christ. They do not come with their homemade liturgies of preference - one with a **Chinese** liturgy, another with an **African** liturgy, another an **Australian** and yet another with a **North American** liturgy. They do not come with **many different** songs but with **one accord** they chant "*Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.*" And they are joined by the angels, the elders, and the four living creatures in the worship of the Blessed Trinity as that celestial choir sings "*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*" From the diversity of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues they come but their song is singular as they glorify the one eternal God who gave His Son to be the sin-bearer and Savior of the world.

THAT is **the Liturgy of Heaven.** It all revolves around the Lamb of God. As it is heaven so it is on earth. Christian worship is Christ centered. He is present here to bless us with His words of pardon and peace. He is here with His body born of Mary and hung on a cross to give us His blood-bought forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Everything in the church service points away from ourselves and to Him. Even the architecture of the church building points us to Christ and His gifts. One of the hymns that we'll sing today describes it well:

***"Here stands the font before our eyes - Telling how God did receive us;
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice - And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim-Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer (TLH 467:5)***

This Liturgy does **not belong to us but to the Triune God.** That's why we call it *Divine Service* (German "Gottesdienst"). God's Service to us by Means of **His Word and Sacraments.** Salvation belongs to belongs to our God. And that is what He gives us here in His Word and Sacrament. We do not come here to be entertained **but to be edified,** that is, to be built up in faith in Jesus Christ.

We learn from the Saints and Angels in Heaven how to worship God, how to receive His gifts in faith and confess Him as the author and finisher of our faith.

Who are these saints? That, in fact, is the question that one of the **Elders puts to John:** "*Who are These arrayed in white robes, and where did They come from?*" Of course, **the Elder already knew** the answer to His own question and so He says to St. John, "*These are the Ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed Their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.*" These are **the blessed Ones spoken of** by our Lord in today's Holy Gospel. Those Who recognized their own spiritual poverty. Those Who mourned over their sin. Those Who were reviled, persecuted, and slandered for the sake of the Lord Jesus and His Gospel. **The great tribulation is the life of the Christian under the Cross.** This is the life where the devil, the world, and our flesh press in on us. You see, the Saints are not Super-Christians who lived lives exempt from the struggles that you face. They are not those so-called "victorious Christians" who aren't bothered by temptation and failure, by doubt and frustration. The saints have no self-made holiness. Their holiness is the Blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from all sin. They wear the white robe of His righteousness that covers their shame and wraps them up in the forgiveness of sins. It is only through that righteousness that they have access to the presence of the living God.

"We feebly struggle, they in glory shine." But we are like them, saints. We are saints because the blood of the Lamb that atoned for their sin has atoned for our sin. The white robe of Christ's righteousness with which they are clothed is our beauty and glorious dress given us in our Baptism. They wave the palm branches of victory because the Lamb has triumphed. Death could not hold Him in its icy grip and because He has been raised from the dead, we have the pledge of eternal life.

We are one with them because we are one with our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed as the Book of Hebrews says "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." There are prophets and apostles, martyrs and confessors, and an unnumbered host of ordinary Christians unknown to us but known to God who lived and died trusting in Jesus Christ. They are all saints. All Saints Sunday gives us a glimpse of that unseen reality. What an encouragement and comfort that is to us who still feebly struggle! We are not alone. Shepherded by the Good Shepherd, we are in His flock surrounded by saints who have gone before us and saints who still live on this earth. We are members of His church, partakers of the communion of saints. Writing over a century ago, the Bavarian Lutheran pastor, Wilhelm Loehe put it like this "Behold the church! It is the very opposite of loneliness-blessed fellowship! There are millions of saints and believers who are blessed in it, and in the midst of their songs of praise is the Lord. No longer lonely, but filled, satisfied, yes, blessed is he who is one of these millions who completely and fully have Christ and with him have heaven and earth."

CONCLUSION We are blessed indeed! We are blessed for by the Blood of Jesus we are Saints and even today in His Body and Blood we share in the their Heavenly Liturgy. ***In the Name of The Lamb upon His Throne, Amen. SDG***

Possible Prayer of Church for ☩ All Saints' Sun/Day November 1st, 2015

Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to our God forever and ever.

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those whom You have redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, washed in the saving water of Baptism and brought to faith by the Spirit. Keep us in this faith and in holy fear, lest we depart from Your way and are lost to the eternal future You have prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those who trust in Your mercy, who live their faith through daily repentance and faith. Rescue them from the poverty of their lost lives, and renew them in the holy joy of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those who mourn and grieve *[and we especially remember before You today all who grieve for OSL Departed 2015]*. Grant them hope in Christ, whose resurrection prefigures our own joyful resurrection and reunion with the saints who have gone before us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are the meek, who trust not in their own merits and who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Make their hearts pure, and equip them by Your Spirit to live holy, upright and godly lives now and forever in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are the merciful, who know the pureness of Your heart and strive by the power of Your Spirit to show forth Your mercy through the grace of forgiveness and the witness of service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls those who live in safety to the noble life of faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are the wounded in body and spirit. Grant them healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in their trials, comfort in their pain and peace at the last *[especially Your servants OSL Prayer List]*. Bring them with us to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those who know the riches of Your mercy; who use the resources You have entrusted for Your glory and purpose; and who give generously to family, to their neighbor in need and to the support of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those whom You have bidden to the Table of Your Son. Grant us to faithfully receive the precious food of His body and blood now, until we rejoice in the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your Kingdom forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed are those who trust in You, whose joy and gladness flows from Your lavish and generous mercy, who know Your springs of living water and the voice of the Good Shepherd. Hear us in His name and for His sake, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. **Amen. After GP, The Lord's Supper**

ILCW Years-A,B,C Lessons for ☩ the Festival of All Saints' Day

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 26:1-21 NIV In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. 2 Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. 3 You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal. 5 He humbles those who dwell on high, he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. 6 Feet trample it down-- the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor. 7 The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. 8 Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. 9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness. 10 Though grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and regard not the majesty of the LORD. 11 O LORD, your hand is lifted high, but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for your enemies consume them. 12 LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us. 13 O LORD, our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor. 14 They are now dead, they live no more; those departed spirits do not rise. You punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them. 15 You have enlarged the nation, O LORD; you have enlarged the nation. You have gained glory for yourself; you have extended all the borders of the land. 16 LORD, they came to you in their distress; when you disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer. 17 As a woman with child and about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, O LORD. 18 We were with child, we writhed in pain, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth; we have not given birth to people of the world. 19 But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. 20 Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. 21 See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her; she will conceal her slain no longer.

Epistle

Revelation 21:9-27 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. 16 The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. 17 He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. 18 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. 19 The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. **(Gospel same as Historic: Matthew 5:1-12)**