



SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

9:30am November 14, 2021



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ancient Faith for Today's World

Welcome! May you be filled with peace and joy from Jesus who lived, died, and rose again to be your Savior. He is forever our living Rock of Ages.

Our Mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.

Our Message centers around the forgiveness, freedom, and fellowship we have in Jesus.

Membership: We are part of a church family and together we reach out with the amazing gospel message. We'd love to have you join with us in our mission!

Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.

Large Print service folders and **hearing assistance** devices are available.

Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.

We Support the world-wide gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





Divine Service II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

Hymn

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

Christian Worship 820

All hymn numbers today are for the blue hymnal

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Rite

Saints Triumphant Sunday

Christian Worship Sup. 730 with readings from Revelation 1,3,7

The Lord tells his people,

"I rebuke and discipline those whom I love.

So take this seriously and repent." (Rev 3:19)

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Our Lord Jesus has forgiven all your sins. By his perfect life and death, you have been redeemed. The living and victorious Jesus now says, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last—the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell." (Rev 1:17-18)

Amen. Thanks be to God!

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb

They were clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.

They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 7)

♪ **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.**

**Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
From ev'ry nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb
At the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**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.**

These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes

and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

♪ **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.**

**3. Blessing and honor, they cry,
Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood
In the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**4. Servant, saint, martyr at rest
Sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thund'rously sing a new song
Of the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

We give you thanks today especially for the saints who have gone before us and now stand in victory through Jesus their Savior.

Today we remember especially and praise you for those who confessed the faith as members of your body at Rock of Ages this past year and are now fallen asleep in Christ.

01/05/21	Carl Fox
02/13/21	Barbara Miller
8/2/2021	Don Ascoli
8/30/2021	Irma Mahler

Because they are washed in Jesus' blood,
And clothed in his righteousness

they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will 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.

♪ **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.**

**5. Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen!
For the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

♪ **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 WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

There will be a resurrection of all flesh at Judgment Day

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the

book. ²Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 11

The Lord's promised judgment and rescue brings us from fear to faith.

In the LORD I take refuge. How can you say to my soul: "Flee to your mountain like a bird. ²Look! The wicked bend their bow. They set their arrow against the string to shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart. ³When the foundations are being torn down, what can the righteous do?"

⁴The LORD is in his holy temple. The LORD is on his throne in heaven. His eyes observe. He focuses on the children of Adam.

⁵The LORD is righteous. He examines the wicked. He really hates those who love violence. ⁶On the wicked he will rain down fiery coals and sulfur. A scorching wind will be the cup given to them.

⁷Indeed, the LORD is righteous. He loves righteousness. The upright will view his face.

Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden

Christian Worship 889

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

All the living and the dead in Christ will be alive together with the Lord.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. ¹⁴Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

¹⁵In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in

Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Children's Message

Verse of the Day

(Revelation 7:15a)

Alleluia. Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-27

Jesus will come again in glory and gather his elect

But after that distress in those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. ²⁵The stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

After the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Christian Worship 883:1-2

Sermon

Psalm 11

IN FAITH WE WILL SEE THE LORD'S FACE

Confession of Faith

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.

Prayer of the Church

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Lord, Our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote and informed and responsible citizenry.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Today's offering can be placed on the entry table as you enter or exit.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he comes.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Tune: CW 557)

♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

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, and 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.

Amen.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Jesus is God's Lamb [Agnus Dei], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

Distribution

Welcome guests! We kindly ask that you speak with our pastor prior to partaking in the Lord's Supper with us.

After the distribution please stand to sing

Hymn *Nunc Dimittis*

Sung to the tune of CW 368

♪ **O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
Christian Worship 883:3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Linda Jilk's sister; that God comforts and sustains her through health struggles.
- Mary Strong, Gary and Carrol Wendt who all have a respiratory illness; that God provides a quick and complete healing for them.
- Dorothy Stickles; that God continues to provide healing for her broken neck.
- Shirley & Ken, friends of the Solomons; that God comforts them at the loss of their niece and provides healing for Shirley's sister who sustained injuries from a fall; that God bless them all with a confident faith in Christ.
- Donna Lanphear; that God blesses her at her new home and new church home, Christ Alone Lutheran Church (WELS) in Dardenne Prairie, MO. Her new address is posted for you on her church mail slot.
- *Share your requests and thanksgiving.*

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Attendance

Printed early; will be shared next week.

Serving This Week

Flowers, Communion Setup: Sherry Friestad
Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ.
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel
Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

Save the Dates -Christmas Caroling

Dec.15th caroling 2:00pm to approx. 3:30pm
Dec.17th caroling from 1:00 to approx. 3:00pm & meeting for cookies and apple cider afterwards at the Barthel house.

CALENDAR

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Sunday, November 14

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper
10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Monday, November 15

6:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

12:30pm Mary & Martha

Thursday, November 18

9:00am Midweek Bible Class
10:00am Choir
5:00pm Youth Catechism

Sunday, November 21

9:30am Service
10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Thursday, November 25

9:30am Thanksgiving Worship

Friday, November 26

1:00pm Church Christmas Decoration

Sunday, November 28 *Advent 1*

9:30am Service with Lord's Supper
10:30am Bible Study (all ages)

Save the Date -Ladies Christmas Lunch

Ladies of the congregation Mary Martha group will have a Ladies Potluck Lunch Dec 15th @12:30pm. We will visit and sing Christmas carols. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for casserole, salad, or desert. No games, no gifts.

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