

Online Worship for All Saints' Sunday

November 1, 2020

This bulletin corresponds to Faith Lutheran Church's online worship service found on Facebook and YouTube.

Prelude by Elaine Chapman

Greetings for our Faith Family and Welcome

Call to Worship – “Shall We Gather at the River” (WOV 690)

- 1 **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

- 2 **On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain***
- 3 **Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***
- 4 **Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

At this time, we will light candles and read the names of our beloved saints who have died in the past year and who have been baptized in the last year.

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Invitation to Worship

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We remember, O God...

C: **The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

P: We remember, O God...

C: **The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

P: We remember, O God...

C: **The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

P: We remember, O God...

C: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of all saints, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

P: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

C: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The “Sharing of the Peace” is a ministry to one another in which we give and receive God’s peace, acknowledging the presence of Christ in one another. Please exchange a sign of peace with all in your household, with hand over heart, shaking a hand, or giving a hug.

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught 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 receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Children’s Sermon with Wendy

Sermon – “The Community of Saints”

Song of Day – “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

*Refrain: My chains are gone. I’ve been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.*

3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.**

Refrain twice

Prayers – “Down to the River to Pray”

Stewardship Time

God is at work in our congregation to bring a word of Good News and hope, and you are invited to participate in God’s work as you are able by sharing in this time of offering. If you would like to give to the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, you may do so on our website (www.faithlutheranjaxsonville.com) or mail your offering to Faith Lutheran Church, 1385 West Walnut St., Jacksonville, IL, 62650.

*“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us,” by Larry Shackley
Sung by the Faith Choir*

Holy Communion

At this time we prepare to receive the gift of God’s grace in Holy Communion. If you would like to participate in the bread and wine, place your communion elements before you now. As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is truly present in and with the bread and wine in our Lord’s Supper, granting gifts of forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith, and the certain hope of resurrected life with God. Communion is a sacrament for the church, shared by the gathered assembly. Although we are physically scattered, God’s Word in our worship gathers and forms us into the Body of Christ. We invite all to commune with us and receive these gifts, trusting in God’s promises when Jesus said, “This is my body... This is my blood...” If you prefer not to commune, know that these same gifts of God’s grace are given to you through God’s Living Word that we read, sing, and proclaim today.

Words of Institution

Sung once by pastor, and then by all:

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Refrain

C: As of - ten as you eat this bread and
 drink this cup You pro - claim the Lord's death un - til he comes.

P: On the night of his betrayal, Jesus took the bread. Giving thanks he broke it, shared it as he said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you, this do so you remember me."

C: *Refrain*

P: After supper Jesus took the chalice in his hand, gave it for them all to drink, this new covenant, "Take and drink, this is my blood for forgiveness shed for you, this do so you remember me."

C: *Refrain*

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.

Communion Song - "Hymn Mashup" by Two by Two

Ray Anderson, Wes Hendricker, & John Rohn

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song – “For All the Saints” (LBW 174)

1. **For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
2. **You were their rock, their fortress, and their might,
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. **Oh, may your 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!**
4. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one within your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
6. **The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
7. **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
8. **From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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