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Sunday, November 17, 2024
The Third Sunday of End Times - Saints Triumphant

Service Notes: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #551 "For All the Saints" Public Domain

SAINTS AND MARTYRS

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For All the Saints



1	For	all	the	saints	who	from	their
2	You	were	their	rock,	their	for -	tress,
3	Oh,	may	your	sol -	diers,	faith -	ful,
4	Oh,	blest	com -	mun -	ion,	fel -	low -
5	And	when	the	fight	is	fierce,	the



la -	bors	rest,	All	who	their	faith	be -
and	their	might;	You,	Lord,	their	cap -	tain
true,	and	bold	Fight	as	the	saints	who
ship	di -	vine!	We	fee -	bly	strug -	gle;
war -	fare	long,	Steals	on	the	ear	the



fore	the	world	con -	fessed,	Your	name,	O
in	the	well -	fought	fight	And	in	the
no -	bly	fought	of	old	And	win	with
they	in	glo -	ry	shine,	Yet	all	are
dis -	tant	tri -	umph -	song,	And	hearts	are

Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 dark - ness drear their one true light.
 them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 one with - in your grand de - sign.
 brave a - gain and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 to ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Tune: SINE NOMINE (10 10 10 with Alleluias) Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958. © Oxford University Press.
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STAND

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

C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

M: 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: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat). The melody for "A - men." is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, with a slur over the first four notes. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
 we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

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, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

¹ At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall

shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118 (Choir) ‘This is the Day that the Lord has made’ Public Domain

This is the Day which the Lord hath made. **Repeat ...**
We will rejoice and be glad. **Repeat ...** in it.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-18

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir)

Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia! (Revelation 7:15a)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 5:25-29

²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

BE SEATED

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1. There is a higher throne than all the 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 heaven’s 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.

2. 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**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #207 “The Day is Surely Drawing Near”

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt

END TIME

207 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God’s Son,
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know

As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not

laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not

still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 Your saints are waiting patiently;
 Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR SAINTS TRIUMPHANT SUNDAY

M: 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.**

M: 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.**

M: 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.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth.
 The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We
 anticipate with joy an 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING: SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

On this Sunday, we commemorate with the Word of God the members and friends of St. Peter's who died with the sign of faith since the Last Saints Triumphant Sunday.

M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Terry Lovell (62) March 10, 2024

M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (*Colossians 3:1-2*)

Russell Ash (99) April 14, 2024

M: Be faithful, even to the point of death.

C: And I will give you the crown of life. (*Revelation 2:10*)

Diane Wavrek (76) June 17, 2024

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: 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, 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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND

THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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. 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*)



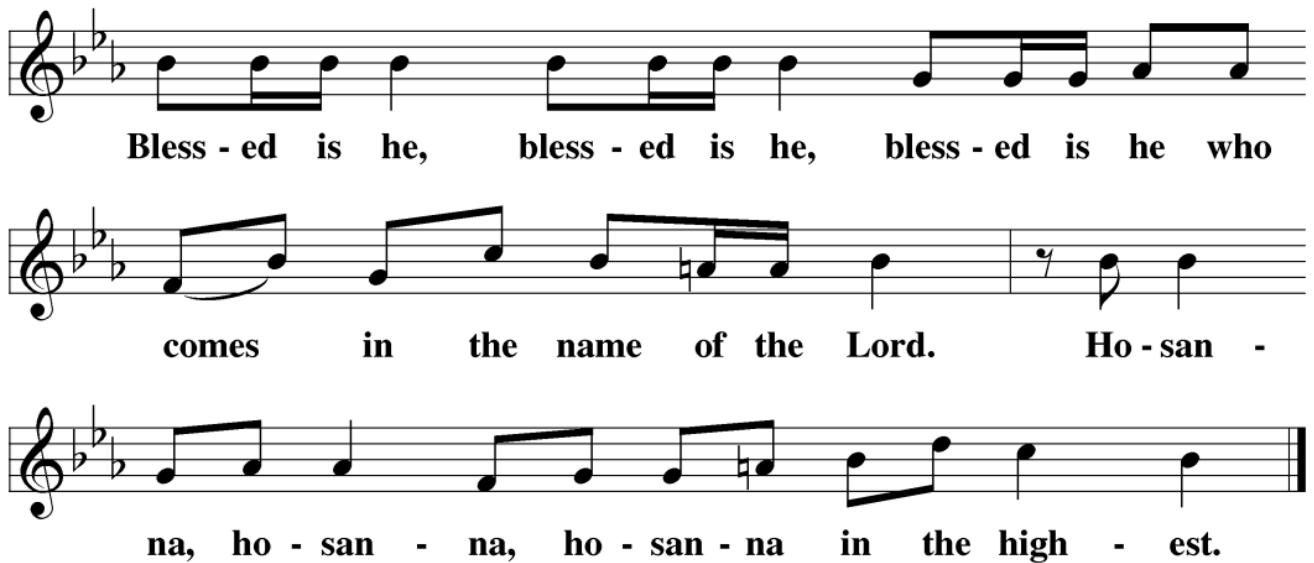
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

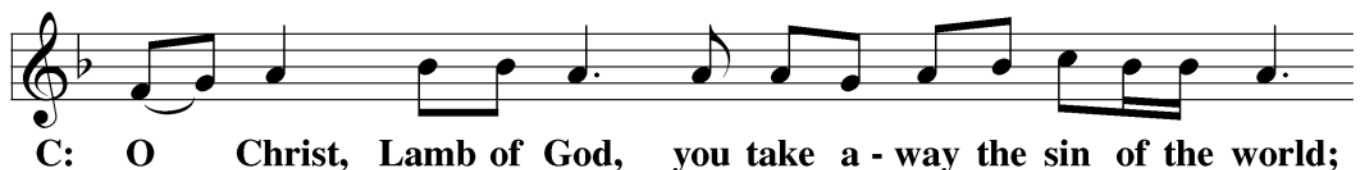
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: 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.

BE SEATED

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Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white,
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here;
 3 O - bless - ed saints, now take your rest;



Like thou - sand snow - clad moun - tains bright;
 But now, how glo - rious they ap - pear!
 A thou - sand times you will be blessed



With palms they stand. Who is this band
 Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest - ly band,
 For keep - ing faith Firm un - to death



Be - fore the throne of light?
 God's throne for - ev - er near.
 And scorn - ing world - ly trust.



These are the saints of glo - rious fame,
 So oft in trou - bled days gone by,
 For now you live at home with God;



Who from the great af - flic - tion came
 In an - guish they would weep and sigh;
 You toiled and sowed the Word a - broad.



And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 At home a - bove The God of love
 Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
 For - e'er their tears shall dry.
 Be - fore the throne of God.

Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise.
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest;
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng!

Their an - thems swell Where God does dwell
 The Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board
 Lift up, one voice; Let heav'n re - joice

Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 Him - self is host and guest.
 In our Re - deem - er's song.

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 Tune: GREAT WHITE HOST (PM) Norwegian folk tune, 17th century.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the

pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the

Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M: 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistant: Steve Wendland; Cantors: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Call meeting
After Call Meeting time permitting, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
Serving Nov 24: Altar Guild– Carol Schwartz; Ushers: #1
Serving Nov 27: Altar Guild – None (Thanksgiving); Ushers: #2

November is our Lutheran Women's Missionary Society **Befriend a Mission Month**. Our World Mission assignment is Asia Lutheran Seminary, Hong Kong. Our Home Mission assignments are Grace Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, NV.

See display and drop offering in collection plate for our missionaries in the narthex. We will send them signed greeting cards with gift cards inside.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING will be after the Divine Service **December 1**.

ADVENT POINSETTIAS – Order forms are available in the narthex for poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary. The cutoff date for ordering is Friday, November 29. Please make out checks to St. Peter's and return to church secretary.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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