# **NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

All Saints' Day – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 (11:11 am)

# **THE SAINTS**

Psalm 149 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

#### Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time, with unified voices, eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

## WELCOME - (Anabel)

## WORSHIP SONG - 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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#### **CALLING ON GOD'S NAME**

P - In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS -** (said in unison) (Pastor)

C - Beloved God! We are sinners and we need your forgiveness. Sometimes we hurt people unintentionally and intentionally.

Sometimes we offend people speaking the wrong things and doing wrong things. This is the sin inside us which, sometimes, we are not able to control.

We hurt people by not doing something we could do; something right and good. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be closer to you and to all the people around us! Through Jesus Christ, our Savior! Amen. (*Brief silence*)

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)**

P - Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace! Your sins are forgiven! Amen.

#### KID'S SONG - I'VE GOT THE JOY JOY JOY JOY

I've got that joy joy joy joy Down in my heart Down in my heart Down in my heart I've got that joy joy joy joy Down in my heart Down in my heart to stay And I'm so happy So very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

# And I'm so happy so very happy I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding Down in my heart Down in my heart Down in my heart I've got the peace that passes understanding Down in my heart Down in my heart to stay

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## KID'S MOMENT (Marilyn)

#### WORSHIP SONG - ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

> What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

> > Come and behold Him The One and the Only Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

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**PRAYER BEFORE READINGS (Prayer)** – Dear God. We thank you for your Holy Word that guide, forgives, and saves us through the work of Christ on the cross. Bless the readings we will hear today in our hearts. May we say with prophet Samuel, "Speak, Lord, that your servant listens". In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## PSALM 149 - SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG (Kevin)

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

<sup>4</sup>For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, <sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, <sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, <sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!

## EPISTLE OF 1 JOHN 3:1-3 (Kevin)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## READING OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:1-12 – THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Kevin)

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## WORSHIP SONGS - HOLY HOLY HOLY (NICAEA)

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty God in three persons Blessed Trinity Holy holy holy All the saints adore Thee Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea Cherubim and seraphim Falling down before Thee Which wert and art And evermore shalt be Holy holy holy Though the darkness hide Thee Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see Only Thou art holy There is none beside Thee Perfect in power In love and purity Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty God in three persons Blessed Trinity

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**SERMON – "THE SAINTS"** 

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the FATHER almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only SON, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT the holy Christian\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **WORSHIP SONGS – MIGHTY TO SAVE**

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer Cam)

#### LORD'S PRAYER (Prayer Ron)

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.

**PREPARATION TO HOLY COMMUNION – LORD I NEED YOU** 

Lord I come I confess

Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

> Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

<sup>1</sup>As a Lutheran Church, we believe that Jesus' body and blood are really and truly present in the Lord's Supper. And we believe that Jesus is giving real and true spiritual gifts to us through this eating and drinking: forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is pure gospel for our comfort and spiritual strength.

## **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

These are our statements about Holy Communion:

- I know I am a sinner.
- I believe that Jesus is my personal Savior.
- I believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine.
- I intend, with God's help, to change my sinful life and live for him.
- I understand that when I come to this table, I publicly state that I believe these things.

## COMMUNION WITH ALL OF SAINTS (Pastor)

**P** – It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, through Jesus Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SAINTS SAY TO THE PERFECT SAINT (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

ALL TOGETHER - Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink." (https://catechism.cph.org/en/sacrament-of-the-altar.html)

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, <u>took bread</u>, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his <u>disciples and said</u>: **"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."** In the same way also, he took the cup after <u>supper</u>, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to <u>them</u>, <u>saying</u>: **"Drink of** *it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

## **DISTRIBUITION - SONGS:**

#### LORD I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

# My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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#### **IN HIS TIME**

In His time in His time He makes all things beautiful In His time Lord please show me ev'ry day As You're teaching me Your way That You do just what You say In Your do just what You say In Your time In Your time in Your time You make all things beautiful In Your time Lord my life to You I bring May each song I have to sing Be to You a lovely thing In Your time

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#### YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy my righteousness and freedom My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace To this I hold my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to his Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine Yet not I but through Christ in me The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side the Saviour he will stay

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need his power is displayed To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley he will lead Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome Yet not I but through Christ in me No fate I dread I know I am forgiven The future sure the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave To this I hold my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free Yet not I but through Christ in me With every breath I long to follow Jesus For he has said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne To this I hold my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to him When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me

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#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** (Pastor)

#### THANKS TO THE LORD

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

#### **RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH**

P – Do you, the members of this church, receive these to our communion and fellowship as beloved brothers and sisters and promise to walk with them in love, to instruct, counsel, ad<u>mo</u>nish, and cherish them, and to watch over them with all long-suffering, gentleness, and love?

Congregation: Yes, we do.

#### PRAYER

P - Heavenly Father, God of the church, we thank You for the blessing of Christian fellowship, for joining together in one body all those who truly believe in Jesus, Your Son. We thank You for those who, this day, is becoming officially part of NBLC, this branch of Christ's body. Grant them the grace and strength to follow with us in Your holy love, that we may aid each other and that together we may share Your gospel with the world for which Christ died. In His name, we pray. Amen.

## **BENEDICTION** (Together)

ALL TOGETHER: 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. Amen.

## (Official Picture)

#### CLOSING SONGS - YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)

You are holy (You are holy) You are mighty (You are mighty) You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (worthy of praise) I will follow (I will follow) I will listen (I will follow) I will listen (I will listen) I will love You (I will love You) All of my days (all of my days)

## (Men)

I will sing to and worship The King who is worthy And I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him And I will sing to and worship The King who is worthy And I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You

#### (Women)

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb You're the living God You're my saving grace You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend You're my Prince of Peace And I will live my life for You

Ending

You're my Prince of Peace

And I will live my life for You

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