



LORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING SIGNS OF LOVE
IN THE GRACE
OF JESUS CHRIST!*

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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Opening Song Gathering In Spirit & Grace “For All the Saints”

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(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 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!
- vs. 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!
- vs. 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!
- vs. 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!

Litany Trusting God's Signs of Love, Based on Psalm 23

Pastor: Today, for all the saints, with all the saints, we gather in glory and grace, trusting The One who sets us apart, too, as saints, as signs of love, so we worship in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

Amen. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Pastor: Friends: Our God, The Good Shepherd, is a faithful God. In Christ alone our souls are restored. Let us take a moment of silence with all the saints to confess our sins and those times we have not trusted The One who is our Rock, our Fortress, and our Might.
(silence for reflection) Friends who trust The Good and Faithful Shepherd: The pastures are green once again; the waters have been made still. While we were still sinners, God made us saints, signs of love in the grace of these words: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Trust the gifts of the Kingdom still to come! Live as saints here and now! Believe and sing, how great Thou art!

Song of Glory & Grace “How Great Thou Art”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me, even in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Friends: Jesus, who calls us saints, shepherds our hearts in grace, walks with us through the darkest valleys, comforts us, sits with us in the midst of enemies, anoints us to overflowing! As saints, as blessed signs of love, believe and sing, how great Thou art!

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How great thou art! How great thou art!

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pastor: You, saints, you, signs of love: The Spirit is in your midst each day, setting you apart in grace, guarding your life forever. As saints, in faith, give thanks, believe and sing, how great Thou art!

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Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and loving God, today with all the saints, we thank you and praise you, for your abundant signs of love. By your Holy Spirit, you set us apart, and you bless us with your grace and so much more. Increase our faith, to make you and our neighbors first, to believe how great Thou art, to live anew in forgiveness, to boldly make known salvation and eternal life, to hold fast here and now to the hope and joy we have in you alone. With all the saints, in Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing The Word of God

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 (all read bold print)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Blessed are those who mourn, **for they will be comforted.** Blessed are the meek, **for they will inherit the earth.** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.** Blessed are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy.** Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.** Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,** for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
(New Revised Standard Version)

“Jesus Loves Me” (*Sung by Worship Leaders*) & **Children’s Sermon**

Sermon

“Signs of Love . . . Set Apart!”

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Abundant Grace “He Knows My Name”

(*Sung by Worship Leaders*)

- vs. 1 I have a Maker, He formed my heart.
Before even time began, My life was in His hand.
- ref: He Knows my name, He knows my every thought,
He sees each tear that falls, And hears me when I call.
- vs. 2 I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He’ll never leave me, No matter where I go. (*refrain*)
And hears me when I call.

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ... As we pray to you, Jesus, ...

All: Bless us as your saints with your glory and grace.

Pastor: Almighty God, in Jesus we know the resurrection and the life.

In you, even though we die, we will live, forever.

In you, even though we weep and our hearts are troubled, you give us faith to believe again.

In you, we have a dwelling place prepared by you just for us.

In you, we have the assurance our Savior will come again and bring us home.

In you, we have a Good Shepherd who watches over us and helps us lie down in green pastures and to once again walk by still waters.

In you, we have a rod and a staff which will comfort us in the midst of our darkest valleys in whatever life and death bring our way.

In you, we fear no evil, our cup overflows and we live with you our whole life long, we live in the house of The Lord, now and forever.

In you, we live a new life in The One who forever calls our name.

In you, we share our assurance, our conviction, our joy by telling others.

God of all goodness and every comfort, today as your people, together with all the saints who are set apart and called by name, we give thanks for those who have touched and filled and impacted our lives. We also gather to support one another through your Holy Spirit, as we remember the emptiness and the sorrow and the loss we feel because those we love have died.

Today we remember those servants already commended into your care, those lambs of your own flock received in mercy, those saints resting in light. Today we especially remember:(*names read*)

Lord, today we take a moment of silence to share with you others who we remember in our hearts at this time. (*silence*) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ; thanking you for blessing us through the lives of others, for blessing us with the gift of life, strengthening us as the people of God, with the life giving treasures of hope, peace and community; trusting anew you are forever with us as our lives continue.

All: Amen.

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: 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, as you trust anew you are set apart with all the saints, in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, blessed to be God's people, set apart with all the saints, together serving The Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew in Grace & Hope “Alive”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 This is a call to all the dead and disappointed,
The ones who feel like they are done;
This a word to all the ones who feel forgotten,
But you are not.
- ref: We're alive, alive, alive, and we're singin'.
We're alive, alive, alive, and we're shakin'.
We're alive, alive, alive, alive in You.
- vs. 2 We are soaked in all the grace that we've been given,
Unchained from all that we have done.
Your mercy's risin' like the sun on the horizon,
And we're comin' home.
Oh, you know that we're comin' home. *(refrain twice)*

Song During Holy Communion “Oh When the Saints Go Marching In”

(Sung by Worship Leaders)

- vs. 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.
- vs. 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Lord in glory comes.
- vs. 3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the new world is revealed.
- vs. 4 Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When they gather 'round the throne.
- vs. 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When they crown him King of kings.
- vs. 6 And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
On that hallelujah day.

*Join us next Sunday, November 8, as we share and celebrate
the season of thanksgiving,
“Thanks Be To God For Every Sign Of Love Made Ready!”
Worship to include a Children’s Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to
God’s table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be offered to you
following the closing song as you exit the sanctuary, as we share pre-packaged single servings
of communion, including a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab
to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you; then pull back the second tab
to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

*For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the sanctuary.
For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!*

On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!

A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God’s people and to be God’s Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew
God’s gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every sign of God’s love and grace!*

“SIGNS OF LOVE ... SET APART!”
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
REVELATION 7:9-17; I JOHN 3:1-3; MATTHEW 5:1-12
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Have you ever gone looking for one thing, and you find something else instead? Maybe you went to the store, looking for that product or brand you always get; suddenly you see something different, set apart, and it proves to be even better. Maybe you are moving, one community to another, or changing careers; hoping to find one thing or to re-establish another; it turns out different, better than you had hoped for. In our faith journey, we often go looking for Jesus in specific ways, and He often finds us in different and better ways than we thought possible. Long ago, people went looking for a savior. Jesus was set apart to be different from what people were hoping to find. As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, as we read from Matthew, we see again, Jesus and Jesus' teaching are set apart to set apart Jesus, to be different than the people expected. Trust, celebrate, Jesus, God's Perfect Sign Of Love, sets us apart in grace, as signs of love with all the saints! Thanks be to God!

1. As signs of love, we are set apart and blessed to be saints, a different kind of saint. Matthew 5:1-12; 1 John 3:2
 - A. We are set apart in a different way than the world does things.
 - B. We are God's children, signs of love, set apart in a different way.

2. As signs of love, we are saints, set apart and blessed to live a different life, to live in a different way, to live in grace! Matthew 5:3-12
 - A. What are you good at? How did you get good at it?
 - B. God sets us apart, invites us, empowers us, blesses us as signs of love to live in a different way. Life in Christ was never intended to be an obligation or conditional, rather set apart as a gift, an opportunity, overflowing with signs of love, benefits, filled with blessings, by grace to live in Christ!

3. As signs of love, we are set apart with a different calling. Revelation 7:12
 - A. The world tells us to be self serving. We are signs of love, set apart to live out a different calling.
 - B. We are signs of love, set apart, to see others, too, as signs of love!

4. As signs of love, we are saints, set apart, blessed to love our neighbor, to live, here and now, eternally, in a different sense of community. Revelation 7:9
 - A. God's Kingdom, here and now, for all eternity, is so much smaller than we think.
 - B. God's Kingdom, here and now, for all eternity, is far larger than we know.

5. As signs of love, we are set apart with a different peace, a different hope. Revelation 7:9-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Psalm 23
 - A. The salvation we know that will be ours in The Lamb, what we will become, The Good Shepherd, gives eternal hope and peace.
 - B. As signs of love, set apart, the hope and peace to come, give hope and peace, here and now!
 - C. The saints above, the signs of love above, the angels, know what we will one day know; for now, we are jealous of the angels!

6. We are blessed with a grace and a Savior, God's Perfect Sign Of Love, set apart as saints. Are you looking for a specific Jesus, a specific Savior, a specific teaching? Trust, celebrate, in the grace of Jesus, with the power of The Spirit, we are signs of love, set apart in a different way than anyone could have anticipated. We love because God first loved us! We are forever saints, set apart, to be different in grace! Thanks be to God! Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1; Matthew 5:1-12

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