

Saints Triumphant

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 15, 2009 - Pastor Mark S. Voss



Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn - "Jerusalem the Golden"

CWS 728

The first verse will be sung by the choir.

Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest The sight of it re -
Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
The Christ is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the
- fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I know not, oh, I know not What
coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where they who with their lead - er Have
bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There is the throne of Da - vid; And
joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com -
con - quered in the fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of
there from care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The song of them that
- pare: To sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng, A -
white. Je - sus in mer - cy bring us To that dear land of rest Where
feast. To God en - throned in glo - ry The Chur - ch's voic - es blend, The
- midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The light that knows no end.

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Confession of Sins

P: Heavenly Father we run hard the race which you have marked out for us. Our eyes are fixed on Jesus, your perfect model for our faith. Yet we are easily distracted and hampered by severe strains in this life. Our sinful nature entangles and hinders us. Our thoughts, words, and actions fall far short in showing love for you and those around us. Hear us as we confess our sins:

C: Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

P: Be assured that our heavenly Father has heard your confession. Through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, he forgives you all your sins. In faith run with perseverance the race marked out for you. Amen.

Song of Praise – “Who Knows When Death”

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**Who knows when death may overtake me! Time passes on; my end draws near.
How swiftly can my breath forsake me! How soon can life's last hour appear!
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

**My many sins blot out forever Since Jesus has my pardon won;
In mercy robed, I then shall never Fear death, but trust in you alone.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

Prayer of the Day ***C: (sing) Amen***

Lessons

Daniel 12:1-3 “Our Names Are Written in the Book” ¹At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Sing: **Once in the blest baptismal waters I put on Christ and made him mine;
Now, numbered with God's sons and daughters, I share his peace and love divine.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

Hebrews 10:11-18 “A One Time Sacrifice” ¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. ¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.” ¹⁷Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” ¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Verse of the Day

ALL: Alleluia. They are before the throne and serve him night and day. Alleluia!

Revelation 7:15a

Sermon Hymn – “I Know of A Sleep In Jesus Name”

CW 211

GOOD NEWS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

“Good News About Death” - John 5:24-29

²⁴“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated on 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.

Offering

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up in praise.

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

C: It is an honor so to do.

Sacrament

God's word requires proper preparation and understanding for receiving the Lord's Supper. We practice membership communion, and ask that those who partake first become members or belong to a congregation of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod. Please ask for an informational sheet from one of the ushers for a fuller explanation from the scriptures.
Thank you!

P: It is our honor and delight to give thanks to you, Lord, at all times and places, for you are the holy Lord, the almighty Father, the everlasting God. You have surrounded us with a great cloud, so that we, rejoicing that we are in fellowship with them, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us. May we, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. So with angels and archangels, with the company of saints in heaven and the saints on earth, we praise your name, singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sing To the heav'n - ly arm - ies' King. For His glo - ry, might, and worth

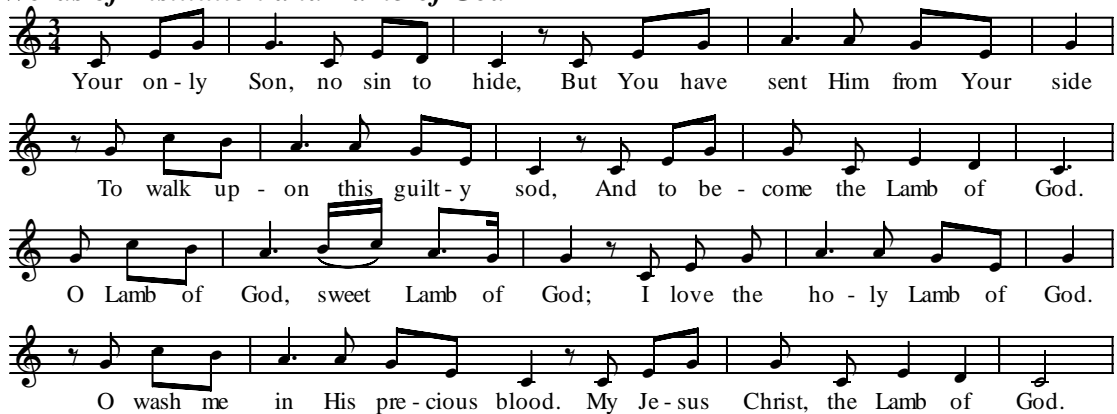


Fill the heav - ens, fill the earth. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly cry To the Lord of hosts most high.

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Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and Lamb of God



Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the ho - ly Lamb of God.
O wash me in His pre - cious blood. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Distribution and Hymn – “For All the Saints”

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing

Commemoration

P: On this Saints Triumphant Day, we remember with thanksgiving those of our congregation who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God’s Son, and filled with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of his people through the Lord’s Supper and the Word, and in his mercy God has summoned them to his presence that they may continue in joyful service to him forever. We especially remember this day:

George Banister † Anna Hironimus † Jeff Ernest † Clara Hestermann
† Deborah Magoon † Fred Hironimus †

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them.

Revelation 14:13

P: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts. *(Silence)* May their memory among us be blessed and may we follow their foot steps of faith to your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - “Then the Glory”

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