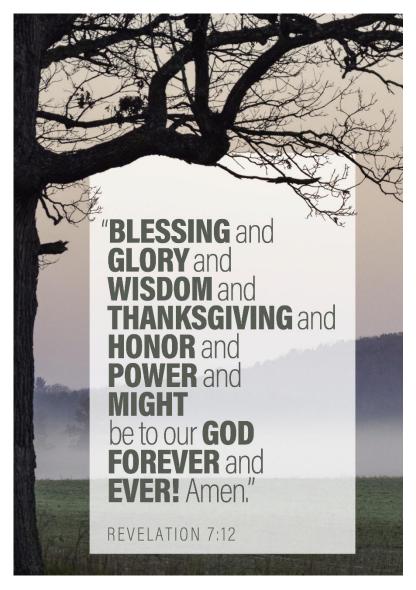
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All Saints Day





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#### **Pre-Service Meditation:**

Psalm 126:5: 5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**Prayer:** Dear Lord God, Almighty and Merciful Father, truly worthy are You of all praise, glory, and honor, both now and forevermore, Amen. This world is filled with loss and sorrow. Yet, You, O Lord, have been our rock and fortress all the day long. You have never left our side, but by Your Son Jesus, You have guaranteed our deliverance from this veil of tears and into Your glorious home in heaven. This day, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, remind us of the joy we have because of our victory by our Savior. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Opening:** TLH 471 Hark the Sound of Holy Voices

#### Invocation

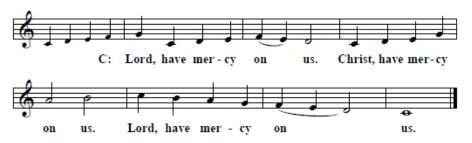
- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

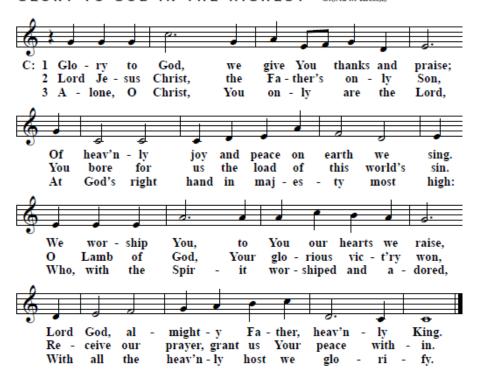
#### **Confession and Absolution**

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- We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie





### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
  - C Amen.

<sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of great age. <sup>5</sup> And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: If it is marvelous in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvelous in my sight, declares the LORD of hosts? <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country and from the west country, <sup>8</sup> and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

## Responsive Reading

**Matthew 5:1-12** 

- P Blessed are the poor in spirit,
- for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- P Blessed are those who mourn,
- for they shall be comforted.
- P Blessed are the meek,
- for they shall inherit the earth.
- P Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
- for they shall be satisfied
- P Blessed are the merciful,
- for they shall receive mercy.
- P Blessed are the pure in heart,
- for they shall see God.
- P Blessed are the peacemakers,
- for they shall be called sons of God.
- P Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

- for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- P Blessed are you when others 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,

## Second Scripture Reading Revelation 7:2-17

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun. with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saving, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed. 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst

anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

#### Confession of Faith:

**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 is seated 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  $\pm$  everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:

LSB 982 Blest Are They

#### Sermon

## **Psalm 126 Selected Verses**

When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, And we are glad. Bring back our captivity, O Lord, As the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

# The God Who Turns Tears Into Laughter

Preaching Today: Pastor Emeritus James Albrecht

### Offertory:

#### Create in Me 11 11

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn: TLH 466 Christ Thou Art the Sure Foundation

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

#### Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

#### Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn: WS 766 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

**Silent Prayer** 

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# <u>Announcements</u>

<u>WELCOME</u> To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Special Services Upcoming: Thanksgiving Day Service November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am; Advent Candlelight Service Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- Voters' Meeting: Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter voters' meeting will be Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Church at 11:30
- <u>Thank You:</u> Thanks to Pastor Emeritus Albrecht for bringing us the gospel message this morning.

## **Call News:**

- Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ is considering the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel Jr. has returned the vacancy call to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA
- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City,
   SD is considering the call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 11:30 Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9 Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

# A Spotlight on 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Lutheran Reformers

Jakob Andreae: Andreae was born on March 25, 1528 in Waiblingen in the dukedom of Wuerttemberg. It just so happened that when Andreae was ready to begin his education, Duke Ulrich began introducing evangelical reforms in the areas under his control. Thus Andreae was trained to be an Evangelical. Unfortunately, his father was a



smith and was too poor to finance his son's education. The mayor of Wuerttemberg saw his plight, however, and recognized Andreae's talent, and so he obtained a ducal scholarship so that he might continue his education. In 1539 Andreae attended a preparatory school in Stuttgart, and two years later he entered the University of Tuebingen. He was only 13 years old! In 1545 he began his study of theology under the Tuebingen faculty. His time there was short, though, since Wuerttemberg needed pastors, and he was assigned after only one year of study, for which he was greatly criticized by his enemies.

Andreae's major goal throughout his life was to reunite the quarreling groups of Protestants under the flag of Lutheran orthodoxy. "The purpose of the restoration of unity, according to Andreae, was not just to affirm God's will that the church be one, but also to confound the adversaries of the truth outside and also inside the Lutheran camp."

He began his efforts by trying to be gentle with those who did not agree with him on doctrine. This tactic was not well-received by the Gnesio-Lutherans, who believed that those who taught false doctrine should be condemned outright. Therefore Andreae was in a fix either he dealt gently with the false teachers (John Calvin, just to name one) and angered others, or he dealt harshly with them and angered them.

A breaking point finally came with the meeting at Zerbst in 1570, organized in an attempt to establish unity. At this meeting Andreae

argued for another confession to which the churches could subscribe. His reason for this was that groups were citing the Augsburg Confession against each other. After this meeting Andreae's method changed drastically, mostly due to the faculty at Wittenberg, who had long ago ceased to be orthodox. At the meeting, Andreae and the Wittenbergers seemed to be getting along and agreeing on doctrine, but later, when Andreae went to visit Wittenberg, the theologians argued with him concerning Christology and no longer supported his search for unity. Andreae responded in his report of the meeting by condemning specific people and their beliefs in the margins of the paper (so that it could not really be said that it was part of the body of text), which he had not done before. Andreae wasn't giving up on his goal for Lutheran unity though. His next step was writing his Six Sermons, where he included specific condemnations in the main body of the text. When some noted theologians read these (Martin Chemnitz and David Chytraeus, to name a couple), they came to the conclusion that unity could be reached on the basis of them. Thus Andreae composed his "Swabian Concord," which used his Six Sermons as its foundation. Chytraeus and Chemnitz read and revised the document (Chemnitz gave it a thorough revision) and returned it as the "Swabian-Saxon Concord." This, along with the "Maulbronn Formula" (composed by other theologians from Wuerttemberg), was the document used to write the "Torgic Book," which was revised to the "Bergic Book" in the years 1576-1577. The "Bergic Book" became what we know as the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, which was finally published on June 25, 1580 (exactly 50 years after the Augsburg Confession had been presented to Charles V) and obtained the Lutheran unity for which Andreae had been searching so long.