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<u>All Saints' Day</u> - The beginnings of this festival can be traced back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century in the early Christian church. The early Christians saw fit to commemorate the martyrs who died in the faith. The readings and the prayer of the day today capture the beauty of what awaits all Christians in heaven. Although we are removed from those who have departed this world by time, today we celebrate the fact that we will be united for all eternity. Today, marvel at the glories of heaven that our departed brothers and sisters in Christ are currently enjoying as you also look forward to the glory that awaits you.

Members of Emmaus Lutheran Church who have departed since the last festival of All Saints:

Mrs. Kathy Boyd

Mrs. Lottie Tweed

Mrs. Barbara Wendt

Mr. David Flood

Mrs. Colette Bodjanac

And I heard a voice from heaven say: "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "because they will rest from their labors, for their works follow them." - Revelation 14:13 (EHV)

# Blessed Are They

Multitudes, clothed in white robes, From ev'ry nation and tongue, Stood before God and the Lamb At the marriage feast of the Lamb

#### Refrain:

Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called To the marriage fest of the Lamb.

They'll neither hunger nor thirst, Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now, God wipes all tears from their eyes At the marriage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain* 

Blessing and honor they cry, Unto the Lamb that was slain, Redeeming us with his blood At the marriage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain* 

Servant, saint, martyr at rest, Sanctified, ransomed, restored, Thund'rously sing a new song At the marriage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain* 

Worthy are you, Lamb of God, To receive glory and praise, Alleluia and amen! At the marriage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain* 

# "Saints are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ"



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church November 3, 2019 All Saints' Day

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

# **OPENING HYMN**

# "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" (CW#550)

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



- P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- All: 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.



P: 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.



# PRAYER AND PRAISE

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

<u>Those who are</u> - sick, unemployed, traveling, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, serving in the military, single, married, parents, children.

<u>West Valley Area Reformation Service</u> - will be held today, Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 pm. This service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Glendale.

<u>Thank You</u> - to the Emmaus school children for singing Blessed Are They in our 10:30 am service this morning. The words are on page 16 of the service folder.

<u>Veterans Day Celebration</u> – On Monday, November 11, we will be holding our annual Veterans' Day celebration beginning at 2:00 pm in the school courtyard. Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate those who have served our country. We especially invite all veterans of Emmaus as our special guests! Please feel free to invite family and friends. Refreshments will be served.

<u>LWMS Rally Report</u> - Thanks to the group of 15 who attended the LWMS rally at Grace Glendale. It was wonderful hearing the adventures of former missionary Kirby Spevacek as he shared the Gospel to many places around the world. We also heard Pastor Jeff Gunn, who shared how we can personally reach out with the Gospel right in our neighborhood. LWMS is a great organization. It keeps us informed about our WELS home and world missions and missionaries. Plan to join us next spring at Cross of Glory on Saturday, April 18,2020. What a great opportunity to meet old and new friends in the valley. Kay Retberg- Reporter

<u>New Security Gate</u> - Work has begun on the gate between the church and the Fellowship Hall. When this is completed we will have a more secure school campus.

<u>Help repair homes for veterans!</u> - Kingdom Workers has an amazing one-week opportunity for volunteers to help repair five veteran's homes in Whiteriver, AZ. We're looking for a team of 9+ volunteers who can come November 12-20, 2019. Application deadline is Oct. 18th. All you need is basic handyman knowledge and the ability to work outdoors! Training is provided on-site. Housing is also provided. Sign up today and give back to those who have given so much to our country! Interested in learning more? Contact Neil Hankwitz: nhank-witz@kingdomworkers.com or go to www.kingdomworkers.com/volunteer.

<u>Cash Back to Our School</u> - Sonoran Express Car Wash, located at 16843 N. 43rd Ave (43rd Ave south of Bell) will return 5% of your purchases back to our school . Use code 47956. If you have any questions, please contact the office church/school office at 602-843-3853.

<u>Children's Bulletins and Books</u> - We have special bulletins for our children each Sunday. The ushers will have them when they are handing out the weekly bulletins. Please feel free to ask them for this bulletin. Crayons are also available from the ushers. Christian books are also available for ages 0 to 10 + to look at or read during the service! Please ask an usher to direct you to the books so you or your child may pick out an age appropriate book bag or book.

## Worship Attendance

Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - 132 (60 - 8:00 am, 72 - 10:30am)

Income from week ending Oct. 27, 2019		Month Total	Monthly Budget
First Fruits Offering	\$10,897	\$23,036	\$19,773
School	\$2320.73	\$7385.76	\$6413
Preschool/Extended Care	\$1103.49	\$3639.27	\$5644

Worship Leader: Pastor Ross Else Organist: Marilyn Feliciano

	This Week at Emmaus			
TODAY	Worship w/Lord's Supper Bible Class/Sunday School Worship School Children Sing West Valley Reformation Service at Gra	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am ace 4:00 pm		
TUESADAY	Board of Education Board of Elders	6:00 pm 6:30 pm		
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY No School/Teachers' Conference in CA				
WEDNESDAY	Bible Class	6:30 pm		
SATURDAY	Confessional Service w/Lord's Supper	6:00 pm		
NEXT SUNDAY	Worship Bible Class/Sunday School Worship w/Lord's Supper	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am		

Lord's Supper - is celebrated today in the 8:00 am service. Our Savior gives us his body and blood along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness in this Blessed Sacrament. Because he also wants us to examine ourselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and that those who commune with one another be united in doctrine and practice (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:1-17; 2 John 9-11), we respectfully ask that those who commune with us this morning are members of Emmaus, or members of congregations in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. If you are not a member and would like to join us for communion, please speak with Pastor Else, so we can set up a time to study what God's Word has to say to us concerning Lord's Supper and church fellowship. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Announcements

#### In our Prayers:

<u>Those who mourn</u> - Theodore Bodjanac and family as they mourn the death of Colette Bodjanac, and Richard and Linda Toetz, as they mourn the death of their brother-in-law, Dave Jagdfeld. They also rejoice in sure and certain hope of the life they still have in Jesus, and the resurrection of all on the Last Day. The Lord be your Peace, Strength and Comfort during this time of sadness.

The memorial service for Colette Bodjanac will be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorials be made to Emmaus Lutheran Church.

Those with ongoing health and other struggles - Pastor Jacobsen of Grace Glendale, whose wife, Amy, has cancer; Catherine Soule, daughter of Pastor Jay Weber, and her unborn son, Isaac; Priscilla Smith, Shannon Rogers' mother (surgery); Sue Miller (surgery); Lee Miller; Deb Fais; Pastor Nathaniel Winkel from Eagle, CO, cousin to Amy Habhegger, and his wife, Tiffany; Lilly Ventura; Bev & Darwin Stellmacher's nephew, Ray; Katie Conklin; Sandy Griffiths; Sarah Eversole; Nicole Harris' grandmother, Betty Klatt; Pastor Joel Frank and his wife Judy (cancer); Pastor Else's mother, Audrey Else; Dick and Linda Toetz's great grandson, Asher; Bill and Christa Hayes' friend, Chris Pool; Marion Worgull's son-in-law, Pastor James Humann; Linda Thompson; Phyllis Baltisburger; Barb Osborn; Barb Widmann; Brad Anderson's cousin Butch Fahler; Rich Tollefson; Brad Anderson; Roger Wilde's wife, Carol; Vince Wallenberg; Ellen King; Diane Scheel; Jean Bagley & Linda Thompson's sister Kathy Desch (cancer)





#### P: The LORD be with you.



P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of Your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service, and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.



Please be seated

# **THE WORD**

#### **FIRST LESSON**

**Revelation 7:9-17** 

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. 10 They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" And I answered him, "Sir, you know." 14 And he said to me: These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. 16 They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (EHV)

# \*SECOND SERVICE CLOSING HYMN

### "Jerusalem the Golden" (CWS #728)

### **\*SECOND SERVICE CLOSING PRAYER**

P: Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# BLESSING

P: 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.



#### \*FIRST SERVICE CLOSING HYMN

"Jerusalem the Golden" (CWS #728)

#### NUNC DIMITTIS



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



P: We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**PSALM 23** (p.72 in front section of hymnal)

#### **SECOND LESSON**

1 John 3:1-3

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure. (EHV)

#### VERSE OF THE DAY (8:00 am) School Children Sing (10:30 am)

P: Alleluia. They are in front of the throne of God, and they serve Him day and night in His temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)



Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 5:1-12** 



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, because they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (EHV)



#### THE 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 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.

#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. DISTRIBUTION (During distribution the congregation will sing Hymn 551, 4-8) SAINTS AND MARTYRS



Text: William W. How, 1823-97. abr., alt

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 cup 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### HYMN

**"For All the Saints" (CW #551 vs 1-3)** *Printed on page 11 of the service folder* 

SERMON

#### **Revelation 7:9-17**

"The picture of God's Triumphant Saints in Heaven greatly encourages His Saints who struggle here"

- 1. Their praise before the throne of God
- 2. Their white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb
- 3. Their sweet rest in the lasting care of the Good Shepherd



**OFFERING** 

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** 

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SERVICE continues with the Sacrament; SECOND SERVICE concludes with closing prayer and hymn on page 13.

# **THE SACRAMENT**

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



#### P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: 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:

# THE SANCTUS

