

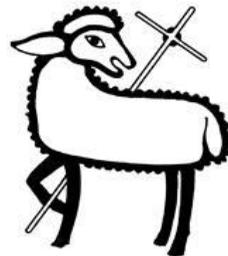
Welcome to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Obelisk)

3206 Big Road  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

610-754-7762

stlukeslutheran.church

[office@stlukeslutheran.church](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.church)



*All Saints Sunday*

November 5, 2017 + 10:15 a.m.

**P- Pastor, C-Congregation**

*\* All who are able please stand.*

Prelude

Welcome and Parish Concerns

\*Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" (v. 1-4) LBW 174

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C:** we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ✠ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering

Greeting

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise “For All the Saints” (v. 5-8) LBW 174

\*Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## Word

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

The First Lesson is from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation.

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white,  
and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that  
knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great  
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the  
Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory | in the LORD;**  
**let the humble hear | and rejoice. R**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt his | name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me**  
**and delivered me out of | all my terror.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon him | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me  
 and saved me from | all my troubles. **R**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,  
 and he will de- | liver them.

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the | LORD is good;  
 happy are they who | trust in him!

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,  
 for those who fear | him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,  
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,  
 and none will be punished who | trust in him. **R**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

The Second Lesson is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of 1 Thessalonians.

*Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians. They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.*

<sup>9</sup>You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup>You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. <sup>11</sup>As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup>urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup>We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Here ends the reading.

\* Alleluia





GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.



*Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers, but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.*

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Message

*Silence for Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day “Shall We Gather at the River”      WOV 690

### Remembering Those Who Have Died

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

A reading from Hebrews:

Therefore, since we surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

A reading from John:

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors, especially those of our congregation who have died since last All Saint’s Day.

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place:

*Doris Hunsberger  
Franklin Kratz  
Logan Mertz  
Charles Steinle  
Naomi Rose*

As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Jesus Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like his.*

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

\* The Apostles Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*Meal*

\*Sharing the Peace

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

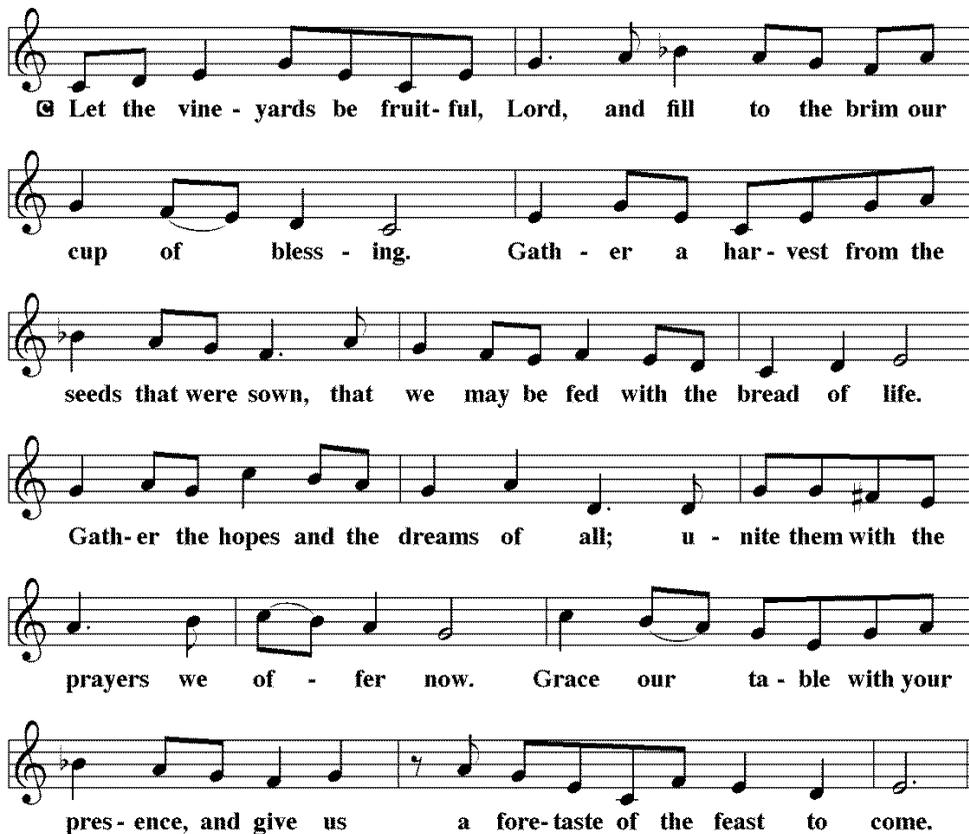
C: And also with you.

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another.*

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory

\*Offertory Hymn



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*Offering Prayer

P: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and

join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\*The Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

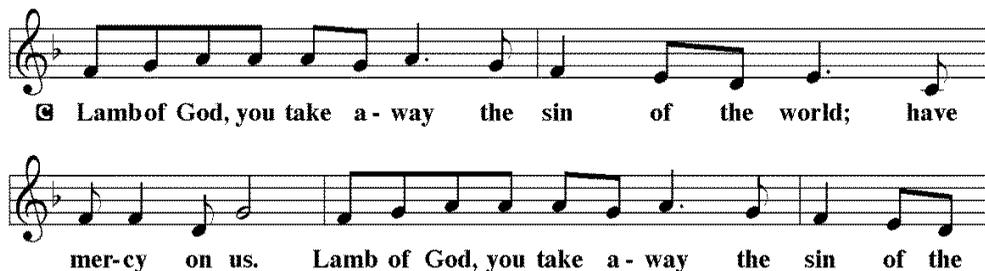
**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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**

**\* Lamb of God**



Two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: LBW 320, 535

\* Table Blessing

\* Post Communion Prayer

P: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

\*Benediction

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of ✠ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**C: Amen**

\*Hymn “For All Your Saints, O Lord” LBW 176

\*Dismissal

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Postlude



