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November 1, 2020 – "ALL SAINTS DAY" - "Holy Communion" 10:30 AM In-Person Worship - simulcast on <u>www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran</u>

Prelude *"Heavenly Home"* - Bob Starling & Maggie Fischer, Piano Music/Duet
Welcome - Announcements - Introduction to Today's Worship
Confession and Forgiveness
Hymn – ELW # 423 - *"Shall We Gather at the River"*



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: Robert Lowry 87 87 and refrain

Prayer of the Day - 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. **Amen.**

First Reading – Revelation 7: 9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹And 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 worshipped God, ¹²singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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."

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰The Lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

¹¹O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

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.

Message - "Blessedness in God's eyes" Hymn - ELW #422 verses 1-3

¹For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus be forever blest. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

² Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

³Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, We feebly struggle, They in glory shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

(During the Hymn, family members of those who have passed away recently will light a candle to be placed on the altar table.)

Prayers and Intercessions:

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God People: Save us from our troubles

(During prayers naming of saints who have joined the saints triumphant in the last 12 months including: Manfred Marschewski; Gerry Seipt; Lea Kneebone; Rudolf von Watzdorf: Duane Lehr)

Sign of Peace

The Holy Communion

- The Lord's Prayer
- Offering of Prayer
- Words of Institution "Eat and Drink"
- Communion Blessing
- Prayer after Communion

Final Blessing

Postlude

Organist/Choir Director Acolyte Ushers/Guides Lector Preparation of Bulletin Altar Guild Technology Leader Custodian

Helping in Worship

- Carolyn Williams
- Conner Aquino
- Joe Hlavaty, Dean Litzenberger
- Mark Harwick
- Scott Gaun
- Linda Sauter, Bea von Watzdorf
- Ken Anderson
- Dianna Streletz

Announcements

- Virtual "Whirl" Sunday School is available on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran.

- The November "Outreach" offering will be designated for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal

- Sunday, Nov 8 - Special Recognition of all Veterans, past and present (November 11th)

- Announcing: ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Virtual/Videotaped at each 6 congregations. You will be able to view entire service on November 22nd. If you do not have internet, you will be able to listen to the service in Salem UMC (Springtown) parking lot.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Silas Rodenbach; Dave Sauter; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Frannie Brooks; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Gregory Chubrik; Josie Crawn; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkham; Andrea Miller; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; David Parker; Jeff Petruno; Lisa Pezzino; Les Pross; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; and Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane. **For those who are Homebound**: Cleo and Ken Eck; and Elfriede Marschewski.

For the Grieving: The families of Lea Kneebone; Gerry Seipt; Manfred Marschewski; and Helen Ballek.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Kristi Lee and Dane Reiman and their newborn son, Dane Charles, in your prayers.