

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
All Saints Sunday and Stewardship Celebration  
November 1, 2020**



*Thought: Today we remember those who have gone before us and give thanks for all they have meant to our heart. Today we know our “cups overflow” because of their faith and that this life is just the beginning – “surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord.” Stewardship is just another way of saying “thank you” for the people and blessings we have received.*

**Prelude – Lillian Pinkston**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

A: Let us bless the Lord at all times.

**C: We boast in the grace of our Lord.**

A: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

**C: with heart and voice.**

A: Listen to the Lord who delivers us;

**C: taste and see that the Lord is good.**

A: Look to the Lord who hears our cries,

**C: and deliver us from all our fears.**

A: Happy and blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

**C: Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

A: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**C: Bless the Lord! Amen.**

### **Gathering Music – For All The Saints (sine nomine)**

First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NB

[https://youtu.be/EFV\\_iJPwR9k](https://youtu.be/EFV_iJPwR9k)

### **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Assurance**

P: Most merciful God, we confess to you that many things in life tear us away from you.

*A time of silence and reflection*

P: Too often –

**C: Our hearts are set on our own plans and desires and we think we are self-sufficient. Too often we lack the courage and faith to endure hardship and even persecution for your sake and the sake of our neighbor.**

**Forgive us, God and create in us hearts that are centered in you and are ready to do your good will.**

P: Let your Spirit proclaim to us that the lamb is our shepherd and leads us to springs of the water of life.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen!**

**Music of Praise – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (*Martijn de Groot*)

<https://youtu.be/nx0rCabJ16c>

## Prayer of the Day

**A:** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **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.**

## The Word

### First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

#### The Multitude from Every Nation

<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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

**<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

<sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**<sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

<sup>9</sup> O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.

**<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

<sup>22</sup> The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12**

<https://youtu.be/phxyt0eQa1I>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **The Beatitudes**

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s time – “Attitude Adjustment”**

<https://youtu.be/rcf1wRP6eQs>

**Homily – Pastor Barnes: “Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me All the Days of My Life”**

<https://youtu.be/gy2zNHMQXvw>

**Music of the Day – The Beatitudes (music by Mark Haas)**

<https://youtu.be/Gmo9fHkJRYw>

**Luther’s Explanation - Third Article Apostles’ Creed**

***C: I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him.***

***But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith.***

***In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.***

***In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.***

***ON THE LAST DAY, he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.  
This is most certainly true.***

### **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Lord of all the saints, we praise you for your evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every nation, guide this country – red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old – as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: As goodness and mercy follows each of us, we pray for those in need. Especially: *(names)* For strength, healing and comfort. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

### **Prayer of Remembrance: All Saints Day**

P: Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labors.

**C: We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us.**

P: Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months have died and entered into glory. ***(Their names are shared.)*** We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.”

**C: God of Jesus and our God, mindful of all those choice souls who have gone on ahead of us, teach us, and each twenty-first century disciple of every race and place,**

- to follow their example to the best of our ability:**
- to feed the poor in body or spirit,**
- to support and comfort the mourners and the repentant,**
- to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,**
- to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,**
- to cherish and learn from the merciful,**
- to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.**

P: Let us clearly recognize what it means to be called the children of God, and to know we are to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen!**

**It Is Well with My Soul (arr. Mack Wilberg) Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

<https://youtu.be/Eg5O2y1UXw4>

**Music by Lillian Pinkston – It Is Well With My Soul**  
*(as candles are lit in remembrance for those close to your heart)*

## **Dedication of our Stewardship**

A: We offer ourselves and we offer our gifts of time/talent and monies you have given as we ponder, pray and open our hearts to Your Call. In thanks and gratitude for your grace and love, we dedicate these offerings for life, ministry and relationship, looking forward in faith.

**C: Our Cup overflows while goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives! Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

P: God prepares the table for us, offering us a feast of abundant love.

**C: Our cups overflow with the bounty of grace, for our Shepherd knows us as no one else can – restoring our souls, healing our brokenness, nourishing us with Bread and cup for the life of ministry.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

P: Come to the table and feast with the Shepherd!

## Distribution Music

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus ELW#802

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-aBUXgpIOE>

Built On a Rock – Northern Lights Chorale

<https://youtu.be/odVTvaxlHNE>

## Post Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

A: You left your heavenly throne, O Christ,

**C: so that we could share eternity in light.**

A: Inspire us by your humility...

**C: ...for the least in your kingdom is the greatest.**

A: For you are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## Benediction

### Dismissal

A: For all the Saints who from their labors rest,  
we give thanks for their light and love.

**C: With their memory and strength we go to serve.**

## Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

