

**All Saints' Day**  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.  
**Divine Service Setting Three**  
**Lutheran Service Book p. 184**

***Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ***

*“A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages,”* cry out *“salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne”* (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *“shall see him as he is”* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *“serve him day and night in his temple”* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

**Pre-service Music**

*“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”* arr. B. Culli  
*“Lift High the Cross”* arr. John Behnke

**Processional Hymn**

*“Lift High the Cross”*

**837**

**Introit** *Sung by the Choir*

A great multitude which no man could number  
stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
clothed with white robes and with palms in their hands;  
and cried with a loud voice, saying:  
Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne,  
and unto the Lamb.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous,  
For praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost...

**First Reading**

Revelation 7:9-17

They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

**Choral Response**

*“Blessed”* by Paul D. Weber

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heav'n.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
They will be filled. Blessed are they. Theirs is the kingdom of heav'n.

**Epistle**

**1 John 3:1-3**

When Christ is revealed, we shall be like Him.

**Alleluia-Verse** *Sung by the Choir*

Oh, fear the Lord, ye His saints, for there in no want to them that fear Him.  
They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Alleluia!  
Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The Beatitudes

**Hymn of the Day**

*“For All the Saints”*

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*Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper* We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

**Distribution Hymns**

*“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”*  
*“Oh, How Blest Are They”*  
*“Jerusalem the Golden”*

**Insert**

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**Hymn to Depart**

*“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”*

**673**

## Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Rev. 7: 13-17  
Den store hvide Flok vi se  
Hans A. Brorson, c. 1760  
Tr., composite

S. S. S. G. 12 lines

Great White Host  
Norwegian folk-tune, c. 1600  
Arr. by Edvard H. Grieg, 1907, ad.

1 Be-hold a host, ar-rayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glo-rious they ap-pear!  
3 Then hail, ye might-y le-gions, yea, All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,

With palms they stand. Who is this band Be - fore the throne of light?  
Those mar - tyrs stand a priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near.  
And praise the Lord, who with His Word Sus-tained you on the way.

Lo, these are they of glo-rious fame Who from the great af - flic-tion came  
So oft, in trou-bled days gone by, In an-guish they would weep and sigh.  
Ye did the joys of earth dis-dain, Ye tolled and sowed in tears and pain.

And in the flood of Je - sus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
At home a - bove the God of Love For aye their tears shall dry.  
Fare-well, now bring your sheaves and sing Sal - va - tion's glad re - frain.

Now gath-ered in the ho - ly place, Their voic-es they in wor-ship raise,  
They now en-joy their Sab-bath rest, The pas-chal ban-quet of the blest;  
Swing high your palms, lift up your song, Yea, make it myr - iad voic-es strong.

Their anthems swell where God doth dwell, Mid an-gels' songs of praise.  
The Lamb, their Lord, at fes-tal board Him-self is Host and Guest.  
E - ter - nal-ly shall praise to Thee, God, and the Lamb be-long. A-men.