

# Cross of Christ and Cannon River Lutheran Churches

*Faithful Through Generations*

November 1, 2020



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome and Announcements

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE**

L: The Light shines in the darkness. **C: and the darkness does not overcome it.**

## **REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS**

L: We gather with the saints who have gone before us and as living saints whom God calls, enlightens, and sanctifies.

**C: We gather with the saints of every time and place and with saints of every race and denomination. We gather as saints young and old, happy and sad, rich and poor, and as people who hunger and thirst for God's kingdom.**

L: We give you thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your saints who have finished their life in faith and now rest from their labors. We specifically remember: Irene Banks, Duane Mallory and Dwight Scheitel

**C: We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.**

L: When we were baptized into Jesus Christ, we were born anew to a living Hope. Bless these saints who have been added to your earthly community at Cross of Christ and Cannon River by the waters of Baptism: Penelope Ruth, Loretta Slingsby, Lydia Nelson and Dakota Lanik.

**C: When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death so that as He was raised from the dead, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Thanks be to God.**

**OPENING HYMN**                      *“For All the Saints”*                      (Verses 1, 3 & 5)                      **ELW#422**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Holy One, we confess that we do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, and open our hands to serve your creation. **Amen.**

L: Beloved, we are God’s children, and through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

### **GREETING**

L: 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.**

### **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.**

### **THE FIRST READING**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

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.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:1-3**

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 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.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.*

**SERMON**

Deacon Todd Portinga

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Blest Are They”*

(Verses 1, 2 & 5)

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\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

\*The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

\*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.**

\*BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

\*L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**