

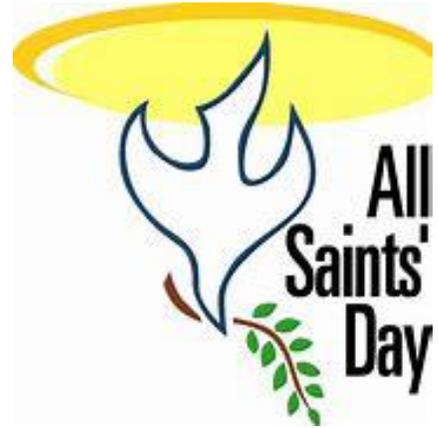
ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**All Saints Day
Holy Communion Sunday
November 1, 2020**

9:00 a.m.

Parking Lot Service



GATHERING

Today is All Saints Day when we especially remember the faithful who have gone before us from the Bible, from the history of the Christian Church, and from the life of this congregation. This is the Body of Christ that has gone before us, many of whom literally endured the slings and arrow of this earthly life and now rest in the bosom of Jesus until that day when we join together at the heavenly banquet.

Prelude

Welcome

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 so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, 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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of The Day

Let us pray:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sisters:

✠ *Lily Gosda* ✠ *Idell Burtness* ✠ *Judith Lund* and ✠ *Jean Stowell.*

We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console those who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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

⁹ After this, I saw a large crowd with more people than could be counted. They were from every race, tribe, nation, and language, and they stood before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ as they shouted,

“Our God, who sits
upon the throne,

has the power

to save his people,

and so does the Lamb.”

¹¹ The angels who stood around the throne knelt in front of it with their faces to the ground. The elders and the four living creatures knelt there with them. Then they all worshiped God ¹² and said,

“Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom,
thanks, honor, power,
and strength belong to our God
forever and ever! Amen!”

¹³ One of the elders asked me, “Do you know who these people are that are dressed in white robes? Do you know where they come from?”

¹⁴ “Sir,” I answered, “you must know.”

Then he told me:

“These are the ones
who have gone through
the great suffering.
They have washed their robes
in the blood of the Lamb
and have made them white.

¹⁵ And so they stand
before the throne of God
and worship him in his temple
day and night.

The one who sits on the throne
will spread his tent
over them.

¹⁶ They will never hunger
or thirst again,
and they won't be troubled
by the sun
or any scorching heat.

¹⁷ The Lamb in the center
of the throne
will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to streams
of life-giving water,
and God will wipe all tears
from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia! The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

All: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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

Marching Orders for the Saints

Hymn of the Day

Behold the Host Arrayed in White

Behold the host arrayed in white
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
that stands with palms and sings its
psalms
before the throne of light!
These are the saints who kept God's word;
they are the honored of the Lord.

He is their prince who drowned their sins,
so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night;
They sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing
with angels shining bright.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
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Prayers of Intercession

MEAL

Offertory Message

Pastor: The mission and ministry of the saints among us and the saints before us has been to engage in God's mission to: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and wipe the tears from every eye.

This is accomplished through our gifts of time, talent and treasure. As the saints of God, living and breathing in this earthly kingdom, we give generously so that God's will might be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The offering box is under the carport as you exit the parking lot today. You may also mail your offering to the church office or you may also go to the congregation's website and click on the tab for online giving.

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saint, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pers and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Communion

When the words, "Body of Christ, given for you" are said, open the end of the Fellowship Cup with the morsel of bread and eat it. When the words, "Blood of Christ, shed for you" are said carefully open the end and drink the sip of grape juice.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Sending

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Offering – October 25, 2020

Current: \$501.00



Please remember in prayer:

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment, or other circumstances.
 - Violet Renly as she deals with health issues
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Prayers of Celebration for Rev. Andy Twiton (Trinity-Madison) and his wife, Kristin, on the birth of their baby daughter Miriam Joy Swedlund-Twiton! She came into the world in the middle of the night on Reformation Sunday. 😊 Kristin and baby are doing well. Thank you all for your prayers!



Sunday School Packets

The theme for November is “Thankfulness”. The Sunday School packets will be ready to be picked up, after church, TODAY - November 1st. Please reach out to Racheal Grenawalt (608-879-2517) if you have any questions regarding the Sunday School materials.

Senior Luncheon – Wednesday, November 11th

The Senior Luncheon, sponsored by the Orfordville Public Library, will for offering a “GRAB and GO” lunch on Wednesday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. until noon at the Orfordville Lutheran Church. Participants **MUST** register by calling the library at 608-879-9229; **before Friday, November 6**. The menu will be mini meatloaves, sweet potato casserole, peas and dessert. *Suggested donation is \$4.00.*

Re-Opening of the Church – Tentatively Planned for Sunday, November 22nd

Upon recommendation of the Church Reopening Task Force, the Congregation Council approved return to worship in the sanctuary effective November 22. Discussion in both the task force and council was serious and weighed the advantages and disadvantages. The reopening will be conditional depending on the Rock County Dept. of Public Health report on county-wide COVID-19 statistics.

Before we can open for corporate worship, we must have the necessary volunteers committed to serve as ushers, door attendants or host, and post-worship sanitizing crew. The Wisconsin Council of Churches has issued guidelines for congregations of all participating church bodies as they prepare to return to in-person worship. (Please see the October/November newsletter for the expectation for reopening)

We are putting together a list of volunteers to serve as ushers, door attendants/host and post-worship sanitizing crew. Please email the church office, via email, to sign-up at office@orfordvillelutheran.org or call and leave a voice-mail message at the church (608-879-2575).



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