



ALL
SAINTS'
DAY

**ALL SAINTS' FESTIVAL
AND THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ON THE
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 31, 2020 – 6:00 PM & NOVEMBER 1, 2020 – 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Today we celebrate the Festival of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. This is a celebration and remembrance of the people of God who have gone before us: fighting the good fight of faith, running the race, and finishing the course; and who now rest from their labors. We remember that we are joining in the song that is already being sung eternally in the presence of God. In the midst of this dying, fallen world we sing... and the Song is 'Victory' - His Victory made ours in Christ.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at this worship service. All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and who affirm the following are welcome to come forward to receive it:

- I am a fallen and sinful person in need of God's forgiveness;
- The Sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine instituted by Christ Himself for us to eat and to drink;
- In the Sacrament, everyone who believes the words "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," receives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

At Resurrection Lutheran Church children who are baptized as infants are instructed so that they may receive Holy Communion understanding what it is we are looking for, and why we are coming. Newcomers to Resurrection Lutheran Church receive the opportunity for in-depth catechetical instruction. If you and/or your children of any age are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper with this same statement of faith, you are requested to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at this time.

We do, however, welcome you and the members of your family to come forward to receive a blessing. Please either stand still with head bowed or fold your arms across your body as a sign to receive the verbal blessing.

Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of individual cups for those who cannot tolerate wine; and gluten free wafers are also available in the center of the paten, if needed. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

The sections of the liturgy marked with an * will have a festive introduction and/or conclusion.

PRELUDE

For All the Saints – arr. D. Smith

Resurrection Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

❖ **HYMN**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - arr. V. Nelhybel, R. Bruening

LSB 670

All vs. 1 – 3

vs. 4 sung in canon. (Women & Children begin; Men begin at “gladness”.)

**1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”**

**Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs, Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**2. O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”**

**Thou bearer of the_ eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”**

**Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

**4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, Supernal anthems echoing:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”**

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PREPARATION

- P** As we gather in the Presence of God to offer Him our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, we are reminded, especially on this holy day, of the great cloud of witnesses who have preceded us and who have brought us here.
- C** **We gather mindful of their witness, of their faith, of their life in Christ that has enabled us to continue in this confession and faith. We gather, knowing that the Holy Spirit has mightily used them; and we pray that we might also be used by God to proclaim the mighty works of the One Who has called us out of darkness into His Own Marvelous Light.**

❖ INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

❖ CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

❖ **ABSOLUTION**

P As a servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

❖ **KYRIE**

LSB 153

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God as she encounters opposition and persecution, and for the unity of all the redeemed of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C Amen.

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE ***

This is the Feast - arr. R. Hillert

LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

❖ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the Body of 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

I John 3:1-3

(We are Children of God through the Love of the Father in Christ.)

How great is the Love the Father has lavished on 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.

Dear friends, now we are Children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.
But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MaryAnn Unger

ALLELUIA VERSE

John 6:68

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal Life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

❖ HOLY GOSPEL AND ACCLAMATIONS

Matthew 5:1-12

(The Beatitudes)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach 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 be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

SERMON An Everlasting Song We Sing Today Pastor Jonathan Blanke
Matthew 5:1-12/ Revelation 7:9-17
(See Sermon notes page 19)

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

PROPHECY Revelation 7:9-17
(John's vision of the great multitude in white robes praising God)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the Throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the Throne and around the elders and the four living creatures.

They fell down on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, saying:
"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!"
Then one of the elders asked me,
"These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?"
I answered, "Sir, you know."
And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

Therefore, 'they are before the Throne of God and serve Him day and night in His Temple; and He Who sits on the Throne will spread His Tent over them.
Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb at the center of the Throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of Living Water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

For All the Saints - arr. D. Busarow

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V.1 All V.2 *Women*, Refrain: All V.3 *Men*, Refrain: All

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.*
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. *Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!*
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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P We remember those members of Resurrection Lutheran Church who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross; who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb; who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions.
As we celebrate their victory over sin, death and the devil in Jesus Christ; we also remember those friends and family members who have preceded us through the gates of death into Everlasting Life.

*Emil Breckling
Paula Boehm
Lou Caltrider
Alan Eckard*

*Nancy Riefenhauser
Fuad Ribani
Joanne Schmitt
Debbie Wasilak*

HYMN

For All the Saints - arr. D. Busarow

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V.4 *Choir* V.5 **All** V.6 **All (in harmony)**

*4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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P Let us pray.
Gracious Father, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who rejoice with us – but upon another shore, and in a greater light – that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh; and with Whom, in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are one forevermore.
As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to Eternal Life,

- P bring us at last with them into the light of Your Presence; that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your Name forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

HYMN

For All the Saints - arr. D. Busarow

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V.7 *Choir*

V.8 **All**

Coda *Choir*

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, rlcary.org, by postal mail and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

❖ PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

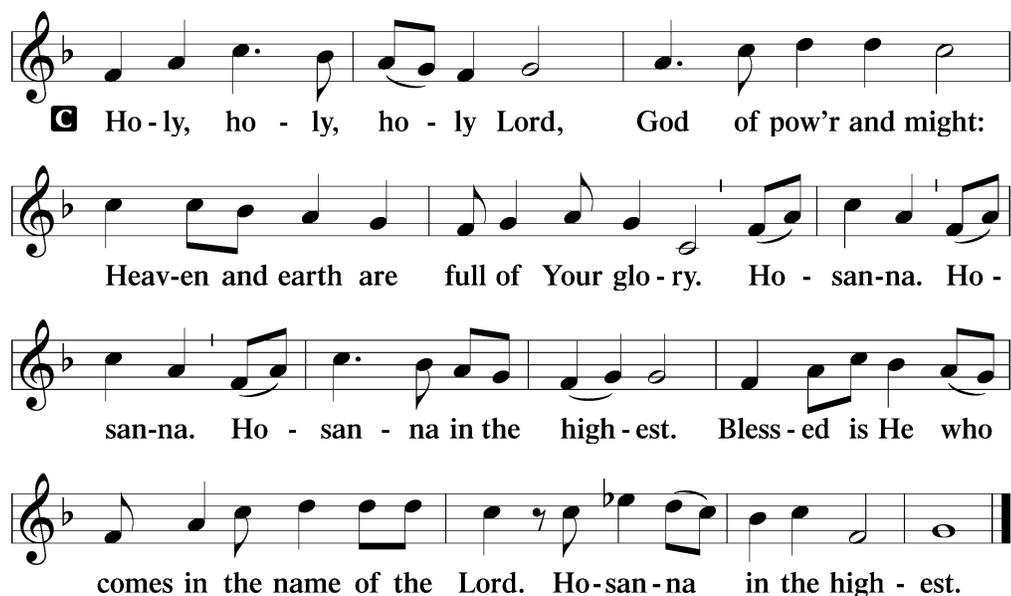
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is good and right on this day to give thanks to God, the Father for the victory over death and the grave He has granted to us through His son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day Christ destroyed the power of death for all who believe in Him by His Glorious Resurrection from the dead.
All the angels of Heaven now sing His praise: the One Who has been crowned the Victor! All the saints of God who have gone before us now gather around His Throne to worship Him, adding their voices to those of the angels of God.
We gather here today celebrating with all those who are in Heaven, the victory He has won for us made real, as we celebrate and receive the gifts of His Body and Blood. Therefore, with the angels and all the host of Heaven we lift our voice to praise His Holy Name:

❖ SANCTUS * – arr. R. Hillert

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

❖ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your Only-Begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His Own Testament.
 Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us.
 To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❖ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took, bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25)*

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's Death until He comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, Only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy Cross and Passion, Your Blessed Death, Your Rest in the tomb, Your Resurrection from the dead, Your Ascension into Heaven, and Your Coming for the Final Judgment. So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

❖ **PAX DOMINI**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Maintaining physical space of 6 feet behind and to the side of each communicant (small children may stand with parents), please follow usher instructions to enter the central aisle and approach the distribution area.

There are six small tables between the pews and chancel area.

Worshippers sitting on the left side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) will turn left to commune, and those sitting on the right side will turn to the right.

Having removed your mask, please approach the first table corresponding to the side of the sanctuary where you are seated. It contains a large paten for communion host (gluten free wafers are available in the middle of the paten). Receive the host while standing to the side of these tables. Upon receiving the host, please approach the tray of individual cups at the worship leader's guiding and receive the wine to the side of the table. Empty cups are placed in the tray or basket on the third table. We recommend removing your mask to receive Holy Communion by touching ear loops or head straps only.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813

**1. Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**2. With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days.**

Refrain

**3. With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.**

Refrain

**4. Yet on and onward still, With hymn and chant and song,
Through gate and porch and columned aisle The hallowed pathways throng.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**5. Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day.**

Refrain

**6. At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.**

Refrain

**7. Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore.**

Refrain

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❖ **DISMISSAL BLESSING**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body
and soul to Life Everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN**

For All Your Saints, O Lord - arr. V. Nelhybel

LBW 176

**1. For all Your Saints, O Lord, Who strove in You to live,
Who followed You, obeyed, adored, Our grateful hymn receive.**

**2. For all Your Saints, O Lord, Who stoved in You to die,
Who counted You their great reward, Accept our thankful cry.**

**3. They all in life and death, With You, their Lord, in view,
Learned from Your Holy Spirit's Breath To suffer and to do.**

**4. For this, Your name we bless And humbly pray anew
That we like them in holiness May live and die in You.**

**5. To God, the Father, Son, And Spirit, ever blest,
The One in Three, the Three in One, Be endless praise addressed.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

For All the Saints - arr. D. Busarow

**Worshippers should await usher instructions before exiting the sanctuary.
We will dismiss by rows, starting in the back.**

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Servants in Worship (6:00)

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Organist/Pianist/Director.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry
Assisting Minister.....MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry
Lector.....Glenda Moser
Greeters.....Jamee Thieme, Glenda Moser
Coordinator/Altar Care.....Donna Krupcale
Resurrection Brass Ensemble
 Trumpet – Mark Beamish, Mitchell Townley
 Trombone - Michal Evans, Garry Grabow, Matthew Parunak
 Timpani - Jim Linn

Servants in Worship (8:00)

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
Liturgist.....Vicar Alan Shaw
Organist/Pianist/Director.....Robert E. Unger, Director of Worship and Music Ministry
Assisting Minister.....MaryAnn Unger, Director of Infant and Family Ministry
Lector.....Lana Zieglmeier
Usher.....Mike & Trudy Haertling
Greeters.....Brenda Peterson
Altar Care.....Marie Taylor
Resurrection Brass Ensemble
 Trumpet – Mark Beamish, Mitchell Townley
 Trombone - Michal Evans, Garry Grabow, Matthew Parunak
 Timpani - Jim Linn

An Everlasting Song We Sing Today (Matthew 5:1-12/Revelation 7:9-17)
All Saints Sunday/Series A

In the Apostles' Creed we confess that we believe in "the communion of saints." But what is a saint? More importantly, what difference do the promises of God make for sinners who are declared to be saints, especially in the middle of life's biggest ordeals? God is with us! His promises make us a people who are moved toward hope. We, together with the saints "below" and the saints "above" are given an everlasting song to sing!

- I. Ours is a victory celebration that includes people from every "_____, _____, _____, and _____" (Rev. 9:9).
- II. Ours is a victory celebration sung by those "who have come out of the _____" (Rev. 9:14).
- III. Ours is a victory celebration sung to "the One who sits on the _____ and to the _____" who will wipe away every tear (Rev. 9:17).
- IV. Saints are not only "people in stained glass." They are _____ everywhere (in heaven and on earth) who have been _____ and _____, baptized into the death of Jesus (1 Cor 1:2; Rom 6:3-10) and so have been moved toward hope with "death behind them."

Sermon review you can do at home: Spend some time talking about a beloved friend or family member who weathered difficult times by clinging in hope to the promises of God.