

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Day Observed



NOVEMBER 5, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

Soli Deo Gloria

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

We stand for the Hymn of Invocation.

Hymn of Invocation

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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THE PREPARATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

1 John 1:8–9

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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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. 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.**

[John 20:19–23]

P The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame,*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Apostolic Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2–17

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing

and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming 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 shelter them with his
presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide 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.**

Antiphon: For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people,*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a | new song,*

his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;*

let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!

Let them praise his name with | dancing,*

making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people,*

he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

Let the godly exult in | glory;*

let them sing for joy | on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be | in their throats*

and two-edged swords | in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the | nations*

and punishments on the | peoples,

to bind their | kings with chains*

and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment | written!*

This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Antiphon: For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people,*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Verse

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

C Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints



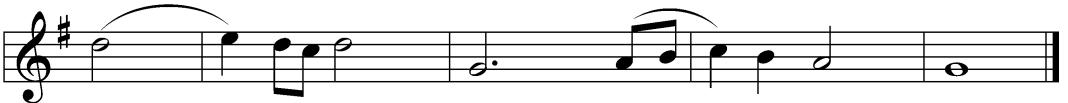
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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!
- 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!

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Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

Offertory Prayer

- A** Merciful Father,
- C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Cambridge Canon

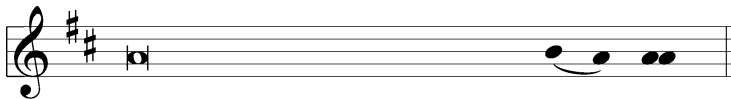
The Words of Our Lord

Memorial and Doxology

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

Communion Hymn

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners
poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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The following Hymn is sung three times.

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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When all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

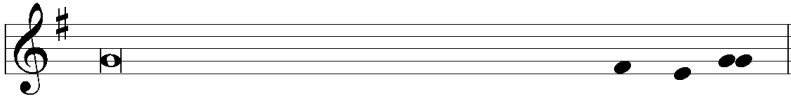
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



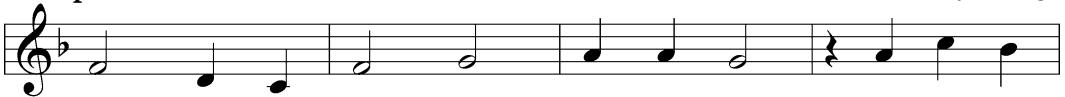
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - - - men.

Hymn to Depart

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be ex -
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
 alt - ed thus!” “Wor - thy the Lamb,” our
 pow’r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
 sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 lips re - ply, “For He was slain for us!”
 we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
 on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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Announcements and Dismissal

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, George and Rose Beauchesne, Steve and Shirley Foster, for the family of Rev. Bennett Harris, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for a full-time pianist, for the restoration of peace in Israel and the Ukraine, for John and Helen Baker.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71.

Apple Butter total, to be given to Alliance for Shelter: 1134.40

Noisy Offering: 268.40

This Week

Monday – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition” Class begins, at 7pm at the church.

Tuesday – Service at The Maynard at 11am.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, **NO VESPERS** – Pastor will be at the Harrisonburg Mission for Service at 6:30pm.

Thursday – Outreach Meeting at 6pm, Church Council Meeting at 7pm.

Looking Ahead

- **THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on November 12th, after the Divine Service. We will be voting on our annual budget, electing a Church Council, and a proposed Amendment to the Church Constitution. If you have questions, or would like to run for Council, please speak with Pastor Porter or a Council member.

- **Neighborhood Watch Meeting** – Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm. A presentation from the SCSO Drug Task Force on “drug trends in our area”.
- **Advent Wreath Making** - This annual event will be held on Sunday, November 26 during the Sunday School Hour. Please bring clippers and greens to share. Wreath bases and candles will be supplied. RSVP to Carolyn Frye: 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com Thrivent Financial is providing funds for the materials.
- **Ladies Christmas Brunch** - Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held at 10 am on December 9. Thrivent Financial is providing funds for diaper bags. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share and items from the Shenandoah Pregnancy Center's WISH LIST that will be provided at a later date. If you would like to share cookies as well please do. RSVP is required: 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com
- **A NEW SERVICE TIME** will be added to our regular one, beginning in the Season of Advent on Sundays at 8:30am. This will be a shortened version of the Common Service, spoken, with one familiar Hymn of the Day, sung a cappella. Communion will be administered. Please contact Pastor Porter if you have any questions.
- **There are still ornaments available** for purchase for \$5.00. They make nice gifts and show support for the ministry of Lebanon Lutheran Church.



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