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Welcome to God's House

Today is the festival of Saints Triumphant, when we remember with thanksgiving to God all people redeemed by Jesus throughout the ages...especially our loved ones who have died in the Lord. Today we rejoice, not because our departed loved ones have been such great saints, but because our Savior has graciously numbered *us* along with all his saints as his own beloved people. For all this we sing to the Lord a new song of thanksgiving and praise. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden CW #214

Please stand for the final stanza

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them; the daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest;

You are with God the Father and Spirit ever blest.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Dialogue

M: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
This is what the ancients were commended for. *Hebrews 11:1-2*

C: **They were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**

Hebrews 11:16

M: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

C: **The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.**

M: They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night.

C: **They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign forever and ever.** *Rev. 22:1, 3-5*

M: Too often we have set our minds on earthly things and not on things that are above. Therefore, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Since we have been raised with Christ, we eagerly set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. *Hebrews 12:1*

C: We are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. *Eph. 2:19-20*

Song of Praise

ODE TO JOY

**C:  Sing with all the saints in glory; sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease.
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that 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: Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

M: I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in

the Lord,” says the Spirit, “let them rest from their hard work, for what they have done accompanies them...”

We remember those who, together with us, stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, and who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions of heaven, including our members Marion Wojtalewicz, Kent Allison, Diane Bartelt, Mildred Bogenschneider, Theresa Ehlers and Allen Schaefer.

brief silence for remembering family members and friends who have died in the Lord

M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** *(John 11:25-26)*

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: **but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.** *(Ps. 73:26)*

M: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C: **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.** *(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)*

First Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Hymn

Blessed Are They CWS #730:1-2

Refrain: Blessed are they which are called; blessed are they which are called.

Blessed are they which are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Multitudes, clothed in white robes, from ev'ry nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

They'll neither hunger nor thirst, Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes by the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hymn

Blessed Are They CWS #730:3-5

Refrain: *Blessed are they which are called; blessed are they which are called.
Blessed are they which are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

Blessing and honor, they cry, unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood in the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Servant, saint, martyr at rest, sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thund'rously sing a new song of the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Worthy are you, Lamb of God, to receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen! For the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

Gospel

Mark 13:24-27

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day

Around the Throne, a Glorious Band CW #549

Around the throne, a glorious band, the saints in countless numbers stand,
Of ev’ry tongue, redeemed to God, arrayed in garments washed in blood.

Through tribulation great they came; they bore the cross, despised the shame.
From all their labors now they rest in God’s eternal glory blest.

They see their Savior face to face and sing the triumphs of his grace.
Each day and night they sing his praise, to him the loud thanksgiving raise:

“Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain, through endless years to live and reign;
You have redeemed us by your blood and made us kings and priests to God.”

Oh, may we tread the sacred road that saints and holy martyrs trod,
Wage to the end the glorious strife, and win, like them, a crown of life.

Sermon

Daniel 12:1-3

From Distress to Deliverance

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Offering Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own CW #485:1-2

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**C: ♪ We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.**

Prayer of the Church

M: Loving God, you created the universe that surrounds us and the earth on which we live. You control all things through your Son who sits at your right hand in glory.

C: **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts. Clear away confusion and demolish our doubts. Destroy the apathy that often attacks us. Send your Spirit

to strengthen our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C: Take away our love of sinning and restore us each day by your grace.

M: The signs of the times warn us that we are in the end times. Protect us from skeptics who ignore your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution. Keep your Word pure among us and guard us against Satan's attacks.

C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

M: When we stand before you at the Last Judgment, look away from our sins and hold in your heart the perfect sacrifice of your Son, our Savior Jesus. Keep your promise and judge us by his merits so that we may gain the paradise he gained for all.

C: Keep our faith focused on Jesus as we approach your holy throne.

M: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for life. Help them distinguish between what is passing and eternal, between instant gratification and lasting joy.

C: Mold us and move us to be faithful examples for our youth.

M: Provide wisdom and insight to the leaders of our nation as they address the terrors and tragedies of our world. Lead them to cooperate with others to bring down evil and offer relief. Prosper the work of Christian missionaries who proclaim the gospel in warring and peaceful nations.

C: Protect our cities and neighborhoods from crime and disasters.

M: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical and emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayers and special intercessions

M: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us because of the work of your Son Jesus. Give us patient and willing faith to

accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear us for Jesus' sake, and also as he taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C:  And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C:  We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C:  It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the communion of all your saints gathered into one Body of your Son, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

C:  Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C:  Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C:  **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.**

Amen.

Distribution Hymns

For Me to Live is Jesus CW #606

For me to live is Jesus; to die is gain for me.

So, when my Savior pleases, I meet death willingly.

For Christ, my Lord and brother, I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another, where I shall be with him.

My woes are nearly over though long and dark the road;
My sin his merits cover, and I have peace with God.

In my last hour, oh, grant me a slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me, safe anchored in your will.

Amen! For Christ my Savior will grant this unto me.

Your Spirit lead me ever that I fare happily.

For All the Saints CW #551

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your 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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Song of Simeon

C: 🎵 Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: 🎵 **And his mercy endures forever.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎵 **Amen.**

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: 🎵 **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

There Is a Higher Throne CWS #727

This Week at Zion

Today: 7:30 / 9:45 a.m.
8:30 / 8:45 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday School / Adult Bible study
WELS Choral Fest Sacred Concert – livestreamed
at www.welsfinearts.org or www.mlc-wels.edu

Mon:	7:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Tue:	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thur:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Lord's Supper We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Thanksgiving Worship In a few weeks we'll be celebrating a national day of Thanksgiving. Why is that? Not simply because it gives an opportunity to gather with family and friends around a delicious meal, but because we have countless reasons to give thanks to the God from whom all blessings flow. Don't forget we have an opportunity to do just that on November 23rd at 7 p.m. or Thursday, November 24th at 9 a.m. Because of the Thanksgiving service Thursday morning, please note that we will not be having a worship service that evening.

A GOD-LIVED LIFE Next week in our stewardship focus we look at our God-lived lives as lives which are opened *to others*. As we invite people into our lives and our homes, God gives us opportunities to share Jesus as we build relationships with them.

LMSG AMMO Can Donations This week we observed Veterans Day, a day we remember all those who have served in one of the branches of our nation's armed forces. Once again we will be collecting donations next weekend in support of our military men, women and their families. By placing your gift in the AMMO can located in the entryway, you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS European chaplain program and global broadcasts of *Time of Grace* to our military. Thank you for your contribution.

Wreaths Across America For the past two years, Zion has participated in the national

Wreaths Across America event. The program honors veterans by placing Christmas wreaths on their headstones. If you would like to honor a family member or friend who was a veteran, the wreaths cost \$15. Information / signup sheets are on the bulletin board. If you have questions, call Ralph Hagner at 262.224.5395 or e-mail lahagner@gmail.com.

Deer Hunters If you're going to be in the woods on Sunday mornings, please remember our Thursday night worship services at 7 p.m. Those Thursday services were intended for those who could not make it for worship on Sunday mornings...plan ahead and be fed spiritually on Thursdays when you can't make it on Sunday.

We thank Barb Olsen, who served as our organist this weekend.

The flowers on the altar this weekend are placed to God's glory by Dan & Tracey Ehke on the occasion of Austyn LaCharite's birthday as well as by Joy Pamperin in memory of her father Walter Pamperin.

Food Drive Our semi-annual food drive is coming to a close in a few weeks. Any contributions will be used to purchase food to stock the shelves at the Kewaskum Area Food Pantry. You can still place your donations in the basket on the stand before you walk into church.

WELS Connection In the video this month we'll observe the process of starting new home mission churches, an important part of the work that the synod does.

The new Meditations devotionals and copies of the November *Forward in Christ* are now on the cabinets in the entryway. You should still find newsletters and calendars for November there as well. Please take one home today.