

October 28-November 3, 2020

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Reformation Lutheran Church



Peace and Joy in Every Day.
—Isaiah 55:12

The Weekly Word

Scripture Readings for Sunday, November 1, 2020

All Saints Day

All readings have been included in this week's Weekly Word

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



“You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

—Isaiah 55:12

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray



A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

■ FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for 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."

■ PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22



¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. ²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together. ⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors. ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them. ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

■ SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3



¹See 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.
²Beloved, 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.
³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

■ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 5:1-12

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."

Praise to you, O Christ!



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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- P: Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
- P: Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
- P: Lord of every blessing, your Son’s blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
- P: Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod, especially (*names*). Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year, especially Joan Baumler, Rita Evitts, Bill Oshel, Margaret Fox-Wagner, Michael Wagner, and those whom we name before you, aloud on our lips or silently in our hearts. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
- P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.
Amen.



WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1st	8:30	11:00
Ushers	Judith Amdal	Mary Armbrister
Assisting Minister	John Race	Dorothea Cloud-Gary
Lector	John Race	Mary Armbrister



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS WEEK!

Remember to move clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, October 31st!



JOIN US FOR
TABLE TALK
TONIGHT,
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 28th
AT 6:30pm ON
ZOOM!



PHOTO MEMORIALS FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Once again, Joyce Gunderlach will be putting photo memorials together to be placed on the Sanctuary walls. **If you would like to include someone, please provide your request to Joyce as soon as possible**, along with your name, the name of the person, their relationship to you and, of course, a photograph.

Stewardship Time and Talent Sheets for 2021 are due this coming **Sunday, November 1st**. You can bring them to either of the in-person services or drop them off at the Parish Office any time, Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm.

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

—Matthew 5:4



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 12 noon via ZOOM.

Instructions for both Zoom and phone-in attendance were included in the Annual Meeting and Stewardship letters recently mailed to all members of the congregation. A reminder about instructions will be in next week's **Weekly Word**, as well.

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WITH US THIS SUNDAY AT 10AM

CALL (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788 AND follow the verbal instructions. Enter the meeting ID followed by the # key, then the participant ID. If you do not know your participant ID, simply press the # key. Please join us!