

November 7, 2021

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FIRST READING. Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING. Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
'See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'  
And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

GOSPEL. John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'  
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'  
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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All Saints Day



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Sunday, November 7, 2021

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come. From *Sundays & Seasons*, copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

COVID-19

Welcome back! Following guidelines from our Synod and Public Health, we are making every effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone must show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a face covering. Please stay home if you are ill. Let’s all stay safe!

Altar Flowers

The flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of all the saints who have left their earthly pilgrimage and now rest from their labours, and in appreciation for all those who have served, and continue to serve, in our armed forces.

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**Psalm 24** - Tune: 490 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (Picardy)  
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
Once for ev'ry sinner slain.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train.

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Savior, take the pow'r and glory,

Lift your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Claim the kingdom for thine own.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Today we will have a moment of silence during the Prayers of Intercession to honour our veterans. On Thursday, Remembrance Day, take time to pause and remember those who sacrificed their bodies and lives for the sake of peace.  
  
"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Revelation 7:15**

**Dates to Remember**  
November 14 2:00 p.m. - Installation service for Pastor Bart  
November 28 Advent begins

**Installation Service**  
We proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the installation of our new pastor, Reverend Barton Coleman, on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We welcome Reverend Julio Romero, who will preside at the service and lead us in celebrating this blessed occasion through worship and with God's Word. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Pastor Bart and everyone at St. Matthew's.

Please note that there will be no worship at 11:00 a.m. on that day.

If you missed last week's sermon, it is available on our website.

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