

# All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

Real Church Virtual service



## Stewardship Temple Talk & Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

**C: ...have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## Gathering Song: To Be Like You

### Verse 1

Humble King, holy One, Friend of sinners, God's own Son. God in flesh among men, You walked my road, You understand.

### Verse 2

Servant King, friend to me. You saved my soul, washed my feet. Here I'll bow, give all to You. Lord, I want to be like You.

### Chorus

All I want, all I need, more of You, less of me. Take this life, Lord it's Yours. Have my heart, have it all.

### Verse 3

I will walk in Your ways, love Your word, seek Your face. My reward, my sole pursuit to know You more, to be like You.

### Chorus

All I want, all I need, more of You, less of me. Take this life, Lord it's Yours. Have my heart, have it all. **(Sing twice)**

### Bridge

Jesus, Jesus, all I want is to be like You. Jesus, Jesus, all I want is to be like You. **(Sing twice)**

### Chorus

All I want, all I need, more of You, less of me. Take this life, Lord it's Yours. Have my heart, have it all.

## Greeting

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!**

## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

**C: 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.**

## Children's Message

### First Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

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

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon – Pastor Paul

## Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Final Blessing

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

## Dismissal

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Blest Are They (with Candle Lighting for the Saints)

### Verse 1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

### Chorus

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

### Verse 2

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

### Chorus

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

### Verse 3

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

### Chorus

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

### Verse 4

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

### Chorus

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

### Verse 5

Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me. Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

### Chorus

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!



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### November 1, 2020

**Stewardship Encouragement 2021 is On the Way!** Greetings Fellow Bethlehemites! We are in the fall season again, and it is time for us to look forward to Bethlehem's ministry in the coming year. We thank you for the way you have given your support to Bethlehem with your time, your talents and your treasure in 2020. It has been a very difficult year for many. However, we hope and pray that you will find many new blessings in 2021. Our emphasis on financial stewardship will be rolled out very soon. Please be mindful of all the ways you can contribute in ways big and small (including automatic giving), as we invite you to start now to pray and think about how you can generously support your church and its ministry as it does the will of our Lord Jesus. *Your BLC Stewardship Committee*

**"2.0" is here!** We are excited to announce that a new experience is now here for our online worship, and we're calling it "2.0"! On **Wednesday Nights**, join Pastor Paul and others for an online **Holden Evening Prayer or Taize service**, as we begin melding some of our typical "Celebrate!" content, along with footage from outdoor communion and other gatherings into a new Wednesday experience. We may also look to YOU for help with readings if you are willing/able!

**The NOVEMBER issue of the STAR is ready!** The STAR is no longer being subsidized by anonymous donors. We thank them for the generosity for 3 months and their hard work in preparing it for mailing. (There is even a rolling pin involved!!!) They are continuing to complete the lion's share of the work after it is printed, collated, and stapled, but now the cost of postage is being taken from the membership budget. If you read the STAR on line and have not told us, please make certain you contact the office or tell the Sunday greeter or hospitality team so we are not sending out copies needlessly. Printed STARS will also be available in the "Shooting Star box" outside the church entry later this week. Feel free to check online at [www.bethlehemtc.org](http://www.bethlehemtc.org) < About Us > "The Online Bethlehem Star" or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>

The outdoor **"Shooting STAR Dispenser"** at BLC is now full with several paper publications, including the September STAR. If you would like a copy of a DVD, please contact the church and one will be produced for you.

**Christ in Our Home Devotionals for Oct, Nov, Dec have arrived.** They can be picked up at the name tag table on Sunday mornings, from the STAR box below the outside mailbox, or during parking lot communion. The newest *Living Lutheran* magazine is also available in the same locations.

**Your individual giving statements are now available in your mailbox in the Narthex.** The statement covers giving from January through September 2020. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of October. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church even during these uncertain times. *Your Bookkeeper*

**Altar flowers have returned to our worship services.** If you would like to sign up for a particular weekend, you can call Sharon at 231-947-9880 or email her at [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) – the cost is \$40 per week.

**Today's altar flowers in memory of:** *Bill Gourdie, Hazel Lautner, Don Gray, Elberta Roseberry, Pamela Ryskamp, Roy Stowe, Janet Kibby and Emily Wilson.*

**The daughter of one of our members, Kathi Ivany-Mort, is in need of a vehicle.** She is a single parent of three children, two of which have special needs. She has limited funds but would be open to a fair price and/or payment plan if desired. If you have a vehicle that would seat five people and possibly AWD or 4WD, please contact Kathi on her cell at 231-313-1647 or Kathi's husband, Jef Mort, at their home phone 231-929-4911.

**"Help the Children School Supplies Project":** So far, we have been able to send school supplies to Traverse City High School and Blair Elementary, along with gift cards to two families at Silver Lake Elementary so they could purchase fall/winter clothing for their children. And we have added monies to send school supplies to Traverse Heights Elementary. We thank our Bethlehem family for the support of this important project.

**Share your name please!** It can be hard to think of someone's name when you do not see the entire face because of a mask and when someone is wearing glasses. Please retrieve your name tag from your mailbox. Even though we are mainly at a distance of 6 feet, it is still nice to hear your own name especially when you come forward for communion.

**Need some help recognizing those new people behind the masks?** There are photo sheets for you to take home showing the new members WITHOUT masks and also giving their contact information. It's the perfect size to stick in the front or back of your church directory. Just pick up the sheet on the table where you can pick up and return your nametag. If you are someone who does not come into the church and would like one, leave a message with the church office or email [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net). We will plan to include one in a future mailing of the STAR.

**The BLC book club** will be meeting by ZOOM on Tuesday Nov. 24 at 5:30. We will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. If you are not already on the list to receive the ZOOM link just send an email to Cindy Monroe at [cmonroe@chartermi.net](mailto:cmonroe@chartermi.net). Also contact her if you would like to borrow a book. We have the Book club bag checked out from the library and there are some extra copies available.

**Keep "Hope Spreading":** Don't forget our blog "Hope Spreads Further" is still going strong! We've had many very inspiring entries and hope to read more. We invite you to help us build this blog or just read current entries at <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/hope-spreads-further>. Reach out to *Pastor Paul* at [paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:paul.busekist@bethlehemtc.org) or *Sharon* at [admin@bethlehemtc.org](mailto:admin@bethlehemtc.org) if you'd like to contribute to the blog!

**Pecans are ordered but are still available** The Worship and Music committee, with the help of Thrivent, are still selling the popular Schermer pecans again this Fall. Instead of having a table set up inside the church, we are taking orders for Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Cluster Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans. The \$12 bags are perfect for holiday or hostess gifts or just plain munching. **Please note that we have less than 10 bags available of the Caramel Cluster Pecans and between 15-20 of the Dark Chocolate Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans.** Please contact Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or [beo6475@yahoo.com](mailto:beo6475@yahoo.com)) if you still want to order.

**"Zoom Bible Study", gathering via Zoom is going strong each Wednesday from noon until about 1:15pm, and each week we are having great conversation and fellowship.** *Paul, The Novel* has concluded. We will begin our next study on Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with Augsburg Fortress study of two of Paul's letters: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians. Please contact Pr Paul if you are interested in joining.

**We're still collecting Oleson's receipts,** and we're hoping you've been saving yours for Bethlehem. Please drop them off in the bin under the mailbox counter. Thanks.

**Christ in Our Home Interesting Fact:** If you have a Kindle, Amazon has *Christ in Our Home* available at \$2.99 per quarter – if you are interested in having a digital copy, search for Augsburg Fortress Christ in Our Home.

**The Annual Chili Cook Off** has been postponed to a later date. Please stay on the lookout for more updates, and we can't wait to see you and share some chili with you all when we can (likely in the spring!)

**Online Fellowship Time on ZOOM continues and will start as soon as worship is over, or approximately 7:30pm on Wednesdays with a crossover to WBLC on Facebook around 7:45pm.** We will **not** be sharing the Zoom information publicly on Facebook or our website, so we can avoid hacking. An email will be sent out the day before either the Fellowship or the Bible Study. If someone you trust wants to join our Zoom Fellowship time or the Wednesday Bible Study, feel free to share this information with them privately.