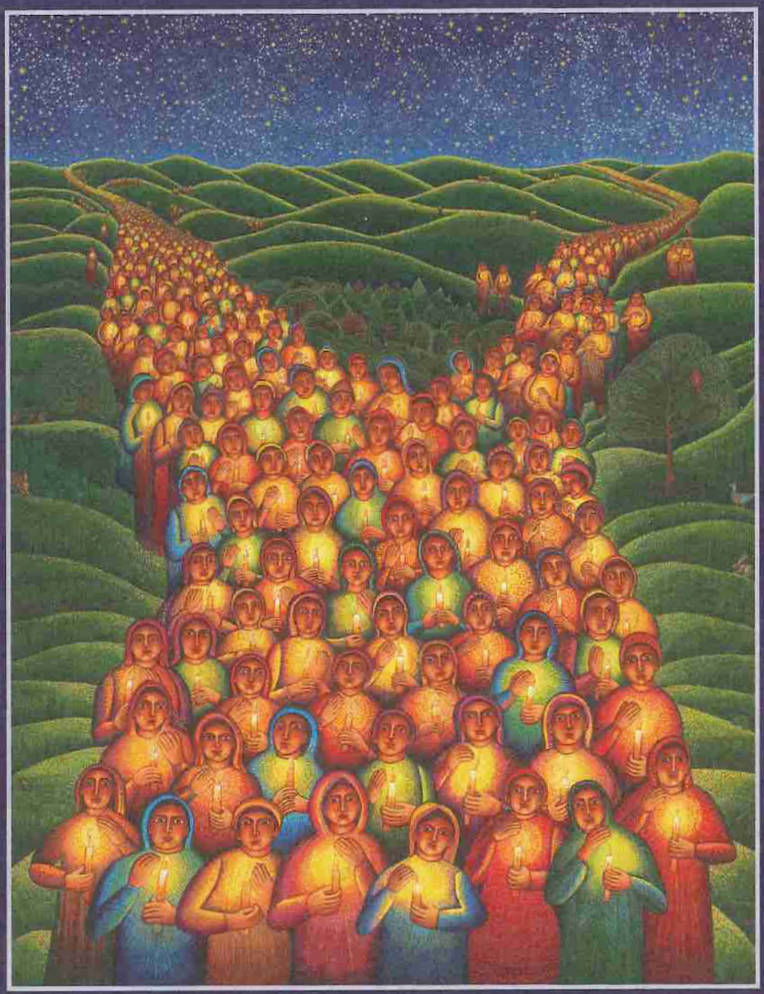
God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17



Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or any needs, please let a name-tagged usher know. We hope that you experience God's love during worship today.



Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Goals:

Enliven faith through worship and learning
Cultivate shared leadership as disciples of Jesus
Engage children, youth, and families
Bridge the gaps with home-insecure neighbors
Build authentic relationships across differences

About today*:* We gather as a community to worship God by singing, praying, listening to scripture, hearing a message and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 indoors with 10:30 a.m. livestreamed. You can find our livestream on our website or on Youtube (links can be found on the last page of the bulletin).

Introduction to the Day: *All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

All Saints Day
November 1, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

✢ GATHERING ✢

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:30) ***Who Is This Host Arrayed in White*** **arr. Ferguson**

(10:30) ***Peace*** **arr. Nichols**
Hailey Bucher, Soloist

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The congregation is asked to turn and face the cross at the back of the church. During the processional, continue to follow the cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ***For All the Saints*** **ELW #422**
(vs. 1, 2, 6 & 7)

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(10:30) God Lights Our Way- Children 3-years old to 5th grade are invited to join us at the rear of the Nave. Ages 3-5 will go to the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall and children kindergarten - 5th grade will go to the Lower Level. At this time, we will explore our faith by learning Bible stories, and the lessons God teaches us. We will encourage our children to put those lessons into everyday life and let God's light shine through them.

We will return in time for communion with their families.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor*:* Let us pray.

There is silence to prepare for the readings.

Pastor: 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.

Please be seated.

✢ THE WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Please read responsively.*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.
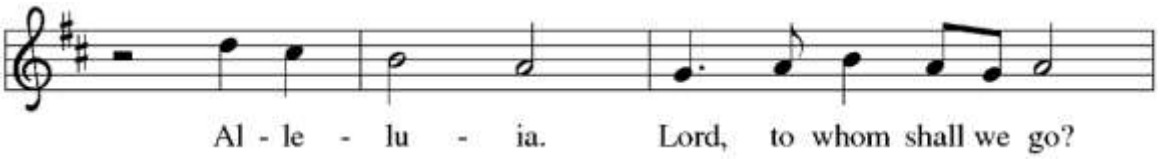
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
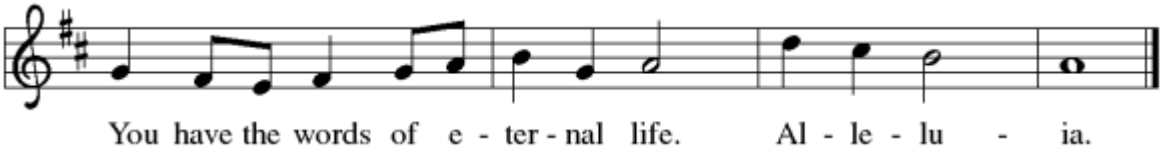
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON **Pastor Faye Snyder**

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED *Read in unison.*

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 truly 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 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.

PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, *"God, in your mercy,"* and the congregation responds, *"**hear our prayer**."*

PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you."

MAKING OUR OFFERINGS



MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30) ***Peace*** **arr. Nichols**
Hailey Bucher, Soloist

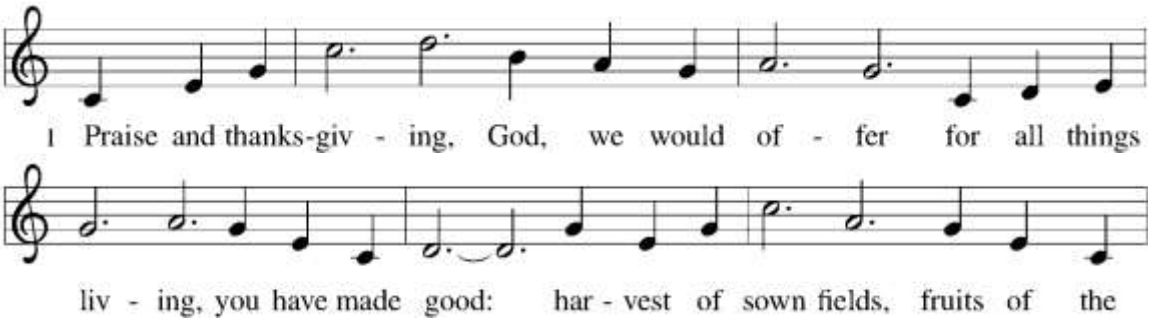
(10:30) ***Rest in God's Love*** **Hannibal**
Adult Choir
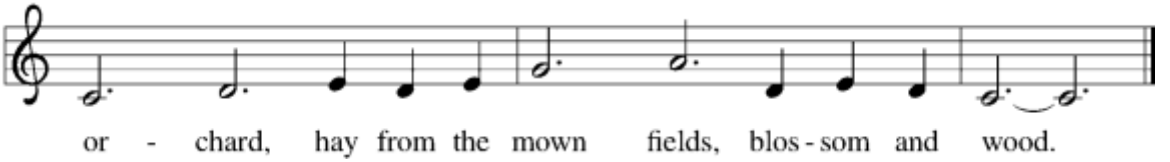
(10:30) *Children return from Children's Church.*

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY ***Praise and Thanksgiving*** **ELW #689**
Bayly





THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

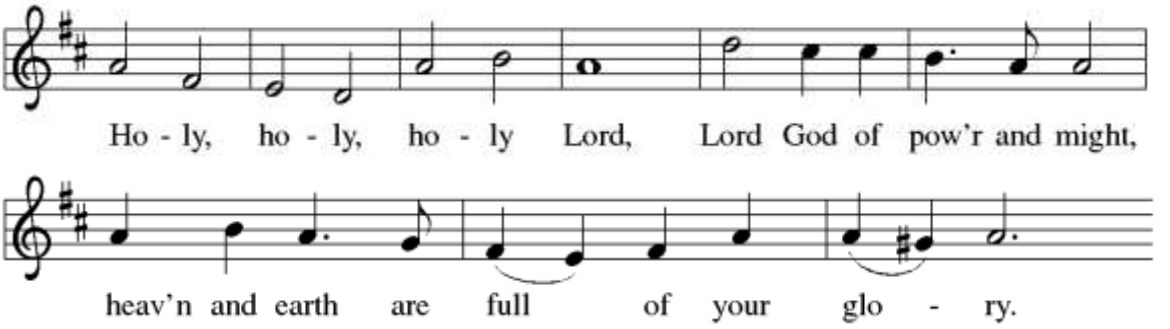
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

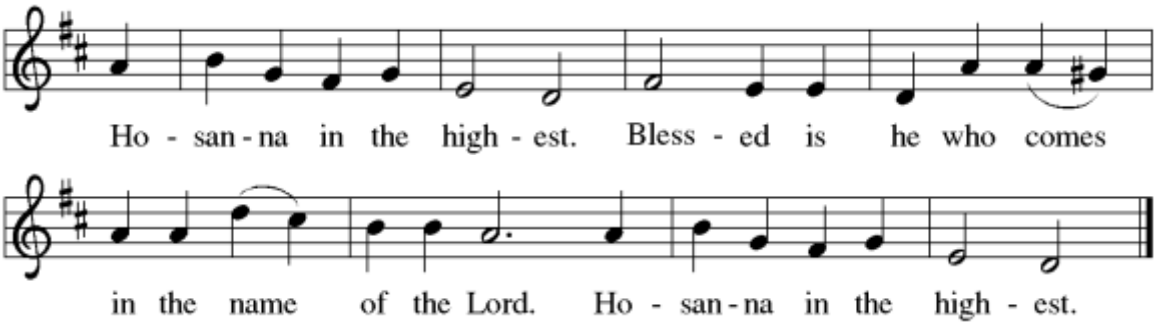
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If you are unable to come forward, *but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*
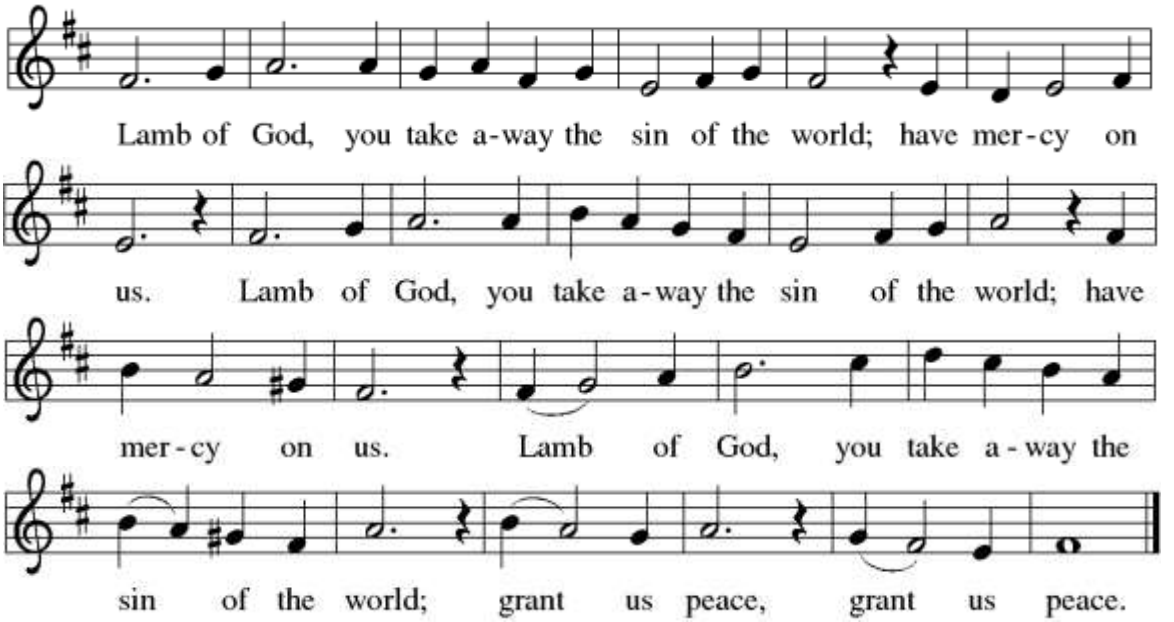
Individual packets *are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.*

Continuous manner *– Come forward at the direction of the ushers through the center aisle, proceed to an open spot at the chancel rail, and kneel or stand at the rail as you are able. You will receive a portion of bread and an individual cup of*

wine (red) or grape juice (white). If you need the available gluten free bread, please let the bread server know.

Children who do not yet receive communion *are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ***For All the Saints*** **ELW #422**
(vs. 3, 4 & 5)

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

✢ SENDING ✢

BLESSING

Pastor: The holy Trinity,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

All: Amen.

Please turn and face the cross as it recesses.

HYMN ***For All Your Saints, O Lord*** **ELW #427**

DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ***Oh When the Saints Go Marching In***
African-American spiritual

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians ..... Hailey Bucher, Soloist; Adult Choir; Deb Smith and Ethan Draper

Altar Flower Delivery ..... Pam Cashman

Altar Guild ..... Martha Hempfing, Sally Staub

Assisting Minister..... 8:30 – Mike Jones; 10:30 – Hailey Bucher

Communion Assistants ..... 8:30 – Lee & Nadine Baughman

..... 10:30 – Jeremy Bucher, Ellen Shenk

Communion Preparers..... 8:30 – Janice Peck, Penny Rutters

..... 10:30 – Deb Kline, Penny Rutters

Courier ..... 8:30 – Stephanie Klansek

..... 10:30 – Sue Covert, Ellen Shenk

Greeters ..... 8:30 – Kathy Miller, Debby Seibert

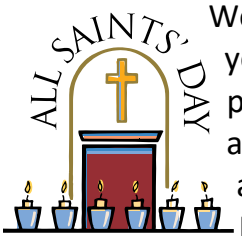
..... 10:30 – Leo & Jo Hilbert

Lector ..... 8:30 – Barb Rupp ; 10:30 – Tom Shultz

Live Stream (10:30) ..... Jody Ruhlman

Ushers ..... 8:30 - Team 6: Sally Staub, Kim Beard, Eric Klansek, Stephanie Klansek, Carolyn Markle, Debby Seibert

10:30 – Team 9: Tim Peck, Ava Berwager, Hallie Doll, Elijah Fisher, Elijah Jones, Troy Linebaugh, Landen Zinneman



We welcome all families of our loved ones who have passed this year. Know that you are in our prayers. In the announcement pages is information regarding the Surviving the Holidays seminar available to anyone grieving or hurting this holiday season. We also have a Blue Christmas service planned for Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.



IN LOVING MEMORY of *the members and family members of St. Matthew called into the Church Triumphant from November 1, 2025, to November 1, 2026. These loved ones will be commemorated individually in worship.*

Robin Oliver
Fred Kauffman
Sam Lambert
Karen Raubenstine
Robert Sneeringer
Marlin Altland
Michael Crooks
Terrence Hormel
Myrtle Satterfield
Wayne Beck Margaret (Sadie) Frew Mary Pernice
James Patterson
Daniel Markle
Georgene Hull
Doris Blocher Joanne Harner
Sid Ehrhart Jacqueline Grenier
William Warner
Ronald Smith
Mary Jane LeGore
Mitch Gruver
Kim Salois
Richard Hutchison
Beverly Stevens
Penelope (Penny) Ritter
Ann K. Dentry
Diane Brodbeck
Roy (Buddy) Bream
James (Jim) Menges
Dolores (Dolly) Topper
Gladys Despines
Mary Ayers
Leslie (Chris) Mateo
Caralyn Mummert
Mike Rice
Sue Fralic

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janet "Polly" Heller by her daughter and son-in-law Pamela and David Miserendino; and in loving memory of my dad Emory Matthews by Jane Lawrence.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Janet "Polly" Heller by her daughter and son-in-law Pamela and David Miserendino.

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Joan Ehrman
Lance Baker
Darla Rawles
Mark Bitzel
Shirley Bream
William Brown
GriefShare Group
Patricia Mosely
Nate Bankert
Brad Maloney
Lucas Cherry

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After 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 who 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 34:1-10, 22

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

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. 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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: Amos 5:18-24 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16; Psalm 70 *or* Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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