



In Community With All The Saints

March 3, 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING LITANY

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

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Hebrews 12:1-2

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. **Amen***

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his
disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent,
strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

*We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.*

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

— posted on the [Desperate Preacher's](#) website.

CONFESSION SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:8-9

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

PRAYER

Timeless One,

You renew your promises in every generation. Deepen our awareness of the communion of saints who have gone before us, the saints in our own time, and the saints who will carry on your message of grace after us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-8

SERMON

“Community of Saints”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen**

PRAYER HYMN *O Lord, Here My Prayer*

**O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

*The Creator who fashions us together with all things, the Christ
who leads us into a new beloved community, the Spirit who holds
us in the communion of saints, on God, bless you now and always.
Amen.*

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace, joined together in Christ.
Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**

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Cloud of Witnesses by Mark Schultz

We watched them runnin' down the aisles,
Children's time, Sunday morning.

The preacher asked them who they loved,
They all smiled and started pointing to their mom,
Their dad, the teacher from their kindergarten class;
And each and every one had just come from

A cloud of witnesses that would see them through the years
Cheer them with a smile and pray them through the tears
A cloud of witnesses that would see them to the end,
And shower them with love that never ends a cloud of witnesses.

They stuck together through the years,
The best of friends faith could foster
So when they found out one of them had heard the news
He'd lost his father, they ran to him
And prayed and put their hands upon his head,
And slowly one by one they'd all become

A cloud of witnesses as they sent above a prayer
They took a hold of hands and circled 'round a friend
A cloud of witnesses with a faith just like a rock,
They helped him give his father back to God
as a cloud of witnesses

So when it comes the time that heaven calls
They'll come running to see the ones who've gone before,
And made the journey home to find waiting for them at the finish
line, cheerin happily they will run and they will see

A could of witnesses lined up on a street of gold
As they run the final mile. That leads them to a throne.
And through the cloud of witnesses they see God upon the throne.
And as they fall into His arms, they know they're home in
A cloud of witnesses, surrounded by a could of witnesses.

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