

Pastor's Bible Study

October 29, 2025 – All Saint's Day (Observed)

LSB 676 – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly

snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who

is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the

flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing

Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels

day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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What does it mean to be a saint?

Read Revelation 7:9-17:

1. Who is speaking in verse 9?
2. Who is the Lamb and what does this image remind you of in the Bible?
3. Do verses 9-12 remind you of any specific events in Jesus' life?
4. Do you recognize how we use the words from verse 12 in our Divine Service?
5. How do verses 15-17 help us understand what heaven will be like?

Read 1 John 3:1-3:

1. What kind of love has the Father given to us?
2. What is the result of this love?
3. What is our present state and what is our future?
4. How is one purified?

Read Matthew 5:1-12:

1. From where does the blessing come in the beatitudes; from God or from the deeds of people?
2. What change do you notice in the language of verse 11?
3. Verse 11 speaks of what will happen to Jesus' disciples, yet verse 12 speaks of what already is true, why is this so important?

Devotional Thought:

John gives a glimpse of the glory that is Christ's. How incredible to be part of that blessedness! Drawn onward and upward by the magnificence of this hope in Christ, God's people join in the heavenly chorus even now (*adapted from TLSB, pg. 2211*).

Prayer:

By Your grace, Lord, keep me among the faithful, so that I may forever sing Your praises in the glory of heaven. Amen.