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Service Theme –Sunday Series – The Christian Waits

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Remain seated

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

THE WORD

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And
they cried out in a loud voice:

> "Salvation belongs to our God,
> who sits on the throne,
> and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

> "Amen!
> Praise and glory
> and wisdom and thanks and honor
> and power and strength
> be to our God for ever and ever.
> Amen!"

[13]Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

[14]I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
[16]‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,’
nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



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Sermon

1 John 3:1–3

[1]See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. [2]Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3]All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Living in a Time of Now but Not yet

The Third Article (Sanctification)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.
But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.
On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

Offering / Friendship Registers

THE SACRAMENT

✓ Holy Communion is a gift from Jesus intended to strengthen Christians' unity with God and express their unity with each other. If you are not a member of Faith, we would love to speak with you about the process for receiving Holy Communion with us in the future.

Stand

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Be seated

Distribution Hymn

840 All Men Living Are But Mortal



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Litany of Remembrance

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.
Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

Your faithful followers of every age, among them our own mothers and fathers, pastors and teachers, called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit to be your Church and by whose faithful witness the gospel of your grace has reached at last to us.
Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.
Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

The early and present leaders of our church body, the teachers who trained our ancestors, the missionaries who once went to lands uncharted and unmapped, and those who now walk among teeming millions in over-crowded cities.
Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

The saints who have been slain because of the word of God and the testimony about your Son they maintained, saints whose souls are now under your altar in heaven, calling out in loud voices, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”
Inspire us as we remember them, O Lord.

With grateful hearts, O Lord,
We remember before you this day…

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.
As we remember them, O Lord…

…inspire us to carry on their work in this our day, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up by everlasting joy.
Amen.

Hymn

880 For All the Saints



5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Following stanza 6, stand and observe a moment of silence to remember those who have died in Christ and now enjoy the blessed rest of heaven.

A bell is tolled once for members of Faith Lutheran who have fallen asleep in Christ in the past year. Thereafter, a bell is tolled once more for those whom we also remember on this day who have fallen asleep in Christ in the past year and in years past.

┼ Chuck Iffland ┼ Loren "Bub" Stoltz ┼ Betty Graves ┼

Remain standing to sing stanzas 7,8.

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Blessing

The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Be seated

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Tuesday 7pm Financial Peace University
Wednesday 7pm Choir

Next Ladies' Book Club will be Friday, November 6th at 7pm at the home of Karen Schultz, 2531 Capstone Dr. (770) 310-5206. Book: An American Beauty by Shana Abé (books not available at church this time).

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