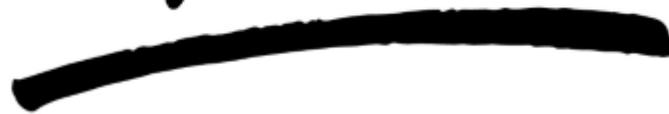


WELCOME

Home



TO AN EVERLASTING FAMILY



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Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings:
Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

- ☞ **Guest Book:** Before you leave today, please sign our guest book. It is located in the Narthex.
- ☞ **Style:** For those not familiar with the historic liturgical worship style, the interactive nature of the service may seem quite different. We agree with the ancient church that this style allows us to receive the blessings of God's word and offer thanks in response.
- ☞ **Amplifiers:** Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.
- ☞ **Broadcast:** Today's Service is being broadcast at www.peacewithgod.com. Click on the blue box labeled "Live Online Services." It can be viewed LIVE or any time from the collection of archived services.

✘ ✘ ✘ **Before participating in Communion** ✘ ✘ ✘

We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

THE SEASON OF END TIME

The Church Year comes to a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the “last days” between Christ’s first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The world could end at any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: WELCOME HOME

The Holy Spirit wants believers to think of each other as family. Having a spiritual family is essential to our well-being. In this worship series, we look at how our Father knits us together in love and unity. We see the benefits of being part of this family. In the Church, Christ has given us a better home.

WELCOME HOME!

*Our Need for Christian
Community*

The Lost Are Now Found

*Here You Are Freed from Slavery
to Sin*

You Are Perfectly Safe Here

You Have an Everlasting Family

*You are Part of Christ’s Glorious
Kingdom*

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: YOU HAVE AN EVERLASTING FAMILY

Death is ugly. It does not matter if someone dies after a long, protracted fight with some illness or if they die peacefully in their sleep. Either way, the body goes into the ground and begins to decay. Either way, that person is gone, and their absence is constantly noticed.

Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ’s family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, one where the deceased has triumphed over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not “lost.” Something is lost when: a) you don’t know where it is, and therefore b) you will not see it again. We know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus.



Order of Service for
SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

✠ Gathering ✠

Stand as directed

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints | 551:1-3

1 For all the saints who from their
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress,
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful,

la - bors rest, All who their faith be -
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap - tain
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who

fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O
 in the well - fought fight And in the
 no - bly fought of old And win with

Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 dark - ness drear their one true light.
 them the vic - tor's crown of gold.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

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

2 Corinthians 13:13

C: **And also with you.**

M: I heard a voice from heaven say,
“Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

C: **“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor,
for their deeds will follow them.”**

Revelation 14:13

M: For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom
and will possess it forever —

C: **yes, for ever and ever!**

Daniel 7:18

Be Seated

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord,
we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven.
Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment.
Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father,
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us
and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
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.

C: **Amen!**

The Baptism of Autumn Marie Schmechel

✠ Sacrament of Baptism ✠

M: Our dear Savior Jesus Christ gave us the amazing gift of baptism when he commanded, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Every one of us is born into this life with a deep need for what baptism works. From our parents, each of us inherits a nature that is hostile to God. We all lack true reverence for the Living God. We also lack godly trust in him as our God. We justly deserve eternal separation from God in hell. Thanks be to God, on the cross Jesus endured the punishment for our sinful nature and every sin it produces. In baptism he washes away the guilt of our sin, raises us to new life, and robes us in his righteousness. Here in baptism God makes us his saints (holy ones) and gives us both the calling and power to triumph over sin in Christ.

In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Autumn to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the child presented for baptism as he says:

Autumn Marie Schmechel, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

A Baptismal Garment is placed on the baptized.

M: Receive this white garment as a visual reminder that Christ has taken away your sin, raised you to new life, and clothed you with his perfect robe of righteousness.

Our newest sister in Christ is presented to the assembly:

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Autumn may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

A Baptismal Candle is lighted from the Paschal candle.

M: Autumn, you were darkness, but now through Holy Baptism, you are light in the Lord. Live as a child of light. As a memento of this great event and your new identity in Christ, receive this burning fire, drawn from the Paschal Candle – a symbol of the Risen Christ, the Glory of the Lord, the Light of the World.

Addressing the parents

M: Rekindle this candle every November 17th to remind and teach this child what God has done for her through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites her with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life. Teach her to live watching and waiting for Christ's return, so she may greet Jesus with joy and enter the eternal marriage feast of the Lamb.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Autumn and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of our baptismal forgiveness, let us **rise** and praise the Lord.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

**All: Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Savior,
you have set the final day and hour
when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death.
Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son
that we may sit with him
and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

*In the New Jerusalem we will not experience the “former things” like death, crying, and pain.
We will enjoy the company of our Christian family for all eternity.*

- ¹⁷ “See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.
- ²⁰ “Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,
they and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.
They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150

M: Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;

C: **praise him in his mighty heavens.**

M: Praise him for his acts of power;

C: **praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

M: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

C: **praise him with the harp and lyre,**

M: praise him with timbrel and dancing,

C: **praise him with the strings and pipe,**

M: praise him with the clash of cymbals,

C: **praise him with resounding cymbals.**

M: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

C: **Praise the Lord.**

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

All: But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:

The saints triumphant rise in bright array;

The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5

The vastness of our heavenly home is beyond our comprehension. We will live in our new home "for ever and ever."

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE OF THE DAY**Revelation 7:15**

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.
Alleluia.

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

All: From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL**Luke 20:27-38**

Through a parable Jesus teaches that on Judgment Day those who wasted their God-given gifts will have to give an account. Fortunately, when judging us, the Master will look at what Christ has done as our Savior.

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
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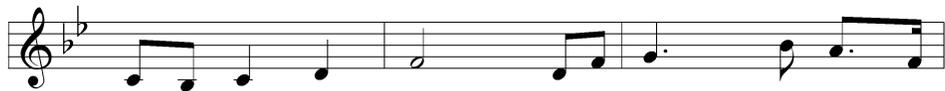
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

Be Seated

SERMON – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map*

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be Seated

THANK OFFERING – *remain seated*

✠ Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *with commemoration for the faithfully departed*

M: With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

C: **You are the rest of the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. We remember their names before you.**

M: Jack Sorrell †

I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

C: **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

John 11:25-26

M: Warren, Claire and Russell Lange †
Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

C: **“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor.”** *Revelation 13:14*

M: Donald and Marguerite Schmechel †
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** *Colossians 3:1-2*

M: Donald Farr †
I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: **And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.** *Job 19:25-26*

M: Peter Hodgeson †
Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

C: **the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** *1 Corinthians 15:20*

M: Dania Ojeda †
And if I go and prepare a place for you,

C: **I will come again and will take you to myself.** *John 14:3*

M: Cynthia Hatch †
Thanks be to God.

C: **He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Silent prayer as we remember other members of the saints triumphant

M: Heavenly Father, we recall with gratitude what you have done for us and for your Church through these saints. May their good works, which were prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth, encourage us to live for you. As we join our worship and work with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place.

C: **Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.**

M: Through your Word, remind us who have not yet reached heaven that we remain part of the saints militant. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we continue to wage war for you, as our Christian forefathers did – battling against our sinful flesh, winning souls for Christ, and combating the deadly influence of Satan in this world.

C: **Uphold your promise to use your Word and Sacraments to keep us in the faith so that, when our work on earth is done, we may join the saints triumphant.**

Special prayers and petitions may follow

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

OPENING SENTENCES

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my **✠** body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my **✠** blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315

CLOSING PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Stand

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I'm But a Stranger Here | 417



1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.
 3 There at my Sav - ior's side— Heav'n is my home—
 4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.
 Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.
 I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.
 What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.
 And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
 And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
 Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

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 Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service



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