November 1, 2026 - Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Watchword for the Week: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! Revelation 7:10

(Standing)

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 43

L: O send out your light and your truth; Let them lead me.

A: Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your tabernacle.

L: Then I will go to the altar of God; To God my exceeding joy.

A: And on the harp I will praise you O God, my God. Let's worship our God together!

(Please continue to do so if you're able.)

Gathering Hymn: "For All the Saints" MBW Page 390

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who to the world by faith their Lord confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; you in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blessed communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

From earth's wide bounds, from oceans' farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

(Please remain standing if you are comfortable to do so.)

Liturgy: All Saints MBW Page 105

Behold, a great multitude, which no one can number, out of every nation and of all tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, with palm branches in their hands,

And they cry with a loud voice saying, "Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Hymn: LYONS

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

These are the ones of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and the holes in the ground. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake, they were killed by the assassin's bullet. They were destitute, persecuted, tormented. These are the ones who have come out of great tribulation; they have washed their robes and cleansed them in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they worship day and night in the temple.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of living water.

And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Hymn: **BEDFORD**

Glory to God whose witness train, those heroes bold in faith, could smile on poverty and pain, and triumph e'en in death.

God whom we serve, our God can save, can damp the scorching flame, can build an ark, can smooth the wave, for such as love his name.

Lord, if your arm sup-port us still with its eternal strength, we shall o'er-come the mightiest ill, and con-quer'rs prove at length.

(Sitting)

Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants - the prophets, apostles, and martyrs - who have shone forth as lights in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank you for the triumphant fellowship of all the saints in glory. We remember before you all who have been called to the more immediate presence of the Savior, and especially those most dear to us and our congregation.

(Here we name those who have passed)

We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, in our continuing hope, and in the promise of eternal joy. Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; and may we obtain entrance into your eternal kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore you.

(Musical Response) In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Standing)

Hymn: LANCASHIRE

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the sacred throng who wear the spotless raiment, who raise the ceaseless song; for those passed on before us, our Savior, we adore, and walking in their footsteps, would serve you more and more.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. If God is for us, who can be against us!

Hear the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, who was dead and is alive again: Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

To him who loves us and washed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests to God, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: GOUDIMEL

O ex-alt and praise the Lord, sing to Christ for-ever-more, gratefully with one accord with the angels now adore: thank him for the faithfulness where-with he his witnesses, who in heav'n are perfected through great tribulation led.

Let us call to mind with joy those who have before us gone, who obtained the victory through the blood of Christ alone; that we all may zealously imitate their constancy till we too the prize receive and with them in glory live.

(Sitting)

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Offering Our Gifts To God

Offertory

(Please stand if able)

Doxology: "For the Life That You Have Given" MBW Page 819

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

Almighty God, our exceeding joy, You are the light and truth that leads us into Your holy presence. As we bring these gifts before You today offered not for human praise or show, but in true sincerity of heart. We are reminded of the call to walk as humble servants, following the one true Teacher and Master. Just as Paul recalled the honest toil and sincere devotion poured out for the Gospel, and as the great cloud of witnesses poured out their lives in faithful devotion we dedicate our offerings for your Kingdom. Accept these gifts, Lord, along with our hearts, minds, strength. Bless them so that they may bring light to the weary, comfort to the distressed, and hope to our community, serving in the footsteps of Your saints for the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Sitting)

God's Words for us Today:

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Pew Bible Page 1237

Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who

calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

The Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 Pew Bible Page 1034

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.

"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts themselves will be humbled, and whoever humbles themselves will be exalted.

The Message: Do You Practice what You Preach?

Pastor Jesus Laguerra

Hymn of Response: "O Master Let Me Walk with You" MBW Page 735 vs. 1/4

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad-'ning way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

Prayers of The People

The 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.

(Please stand if you are able to do so.)

Sending Hymn: "By All Your Saints Still Striving" MBW Page 391 vs. 1,3,4 Sung to Tune 256

By all your saints still striv-ing, for all your saints at rest, your ho-ly name, O Je-sus, for ev-er-more be blessed. You rose, our king vic-to-rious, that they might wear the crown and ev-er shine in splen-dor re-flect-ed from your throne.

A-pos-tles, proph-ets, mar-tyrs, and all the no-ble throng who wear the spot-less rai-ment and raise the cease-less song: for them and those whose wit-ness is on-ly known to you, by walk-ing in their foot-steps, we give you praise a-new.

Then let us praise the Fa-ther and wor-ship God the Son and sing to God the Spir-it, e-ter-nal Three in One, till all the ran-somed num-ber who stand be-fore the throne as-cribe all pow'r and glo-ry and praise to God a-lone.

Benediction

Musical Response:(All) In the name of Jesus'. Amen

Postlude

Next Sunday, November 8, 2026, we will be celebrating Moravian Women's Sunday. Also, we will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection that is being collected for Moravian Open Door. Please come with your loose change to make a lot of noise for the youth. If you don't have coins we will take bills.