

All Saints Day

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Creative Destruction Illustrates the Gospel Ministry

Creative destruction is a term used in economics to describe the process by which old ways of doing things are replaced by new ways of doing things. The car replaces the horse and buggy. The airplane replaces the railroad. LEDs replace incandescent light bulbs. All followers of Christ experience a form of creative destruction. The apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). As the result of our baptism into Christ, we daily die to our old way of life, placing our old Adam back under the water so that our new man, made in the image of Christ, comes forth and is strengthened. The Gospel ministry is both Law and Gospel, the former for the latter. It both kills and quickens those who hear (Ps 149:6). When you hear God's Word proclaimed or when you proclaim it to others, God is at work. He is at work to kill that he might quicken. He is at work to uproot that he might plant. He is at work to destroy that he might rebuild. And he is at work to wound that he might heal.

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Announcements

Opening Hymn | 578 "Thy Strong Word"

Confession and Absolution

Please stand.

The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [Matt. 18:20; 28:19b]

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8 32:5]
If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. [Psalm 130:3-4]

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13]

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Hymn of Praise | 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You"



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by fore-es You com-mand.



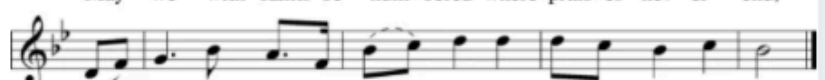
To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Today's Readings from God's Word

The First Reading is from Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming 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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 149

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

²Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

The Epistle Reading is from John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Creedal Hymn | 953 "We All Believe in One True God"

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward for a message by Pastor Fitch.

Sermon Hymn | 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Sermon

S _____ & **j** _____ are very different things, yet they belong **t** _____: The Flood was **j** _____ & **s** _____ for mankind. The Exodus was God's judgment against **E** _____ and God's deliverance of **I** _____.

Just as we find salvation & judgment side-by-side, we find **J** _____ there also, for Christ is the **h** _____ & **c** _____ of Scripture, the **k** _____ to its true meaning.

The word translated *-adorn* means "He will **b** _____."

Praise & swords only belong together if the sword is the **W** _____ of **G** _____.

P _____ is telling God's mighty **d** _____ as Scripture records.

The cross is an instrument of **d** _____;

the preaching of the cross is an instrument of **l** _____!

Christ calls you to a new **l** _____ by way of **d** _____ to your old way of life.

God's sword reveals the depth of our **s** _____ *and* the *greater-depth* of God's **l** _____ at the cross.

Every baptism involves a **d** _____ & a **r** _____.

God's Word condemning sin drives us to the **c** _____ so that we can receive His message of salvation & forgiveness in **C** _____.

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family, friends, and those in our hearts and minds who now rest from their labors as part of the Church Triumphant.

The bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death for:

+ Eve Henry + Alfred Waltz + Alvin Otte +
+ Alyssa Osbourn + Athena Lyons + Connie D. +
+ Dana Foster + Florence Otte + John F. +
+ Marc T. + Susan N. + Richard H. +
+ Marc T. + Verna Benter + Waylon Osbourn +
and those we name in our hearts...

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death so that as He was raised from the dead, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Amen.

Heavenly Father, Bless **Jacob Clipp** and **Marguerite Carmickle**, whom You have gathered into Your kingdom through Your church militant here through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Prayers of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition, the pastor will say, "...Let us pray to the Lord;" the congregation responds "Lord have mercy."

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Please stand.



Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

[2 Timothy 4:22]

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise [Psalm 136]

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

[Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9]



Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten son that who ever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13]

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.

The Words of Our Lord

[Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 22:23-25]

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

[John 20:19]

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

[John 1:29]



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. [Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29]

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith confessed at this altar, any who have not been instructed, in doubt, or holding a different confession from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. [1 Cor. 11:17-34]

Dist. Hymn | 677 "For All the Saints"
| 563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

When all have communed, please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn | 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The purpose of this congregation shall be to serve its members and community and to spread the Kingdom of God by preaching the Word of God, by the administration of the Sacraments and by the religious instruction of youth and adults, according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church, and to foster Christian fellowship and charity. It shall also be the purpose and the responsibility of this congregation to provide a Christian and parochial education for its children to the best of its ability.

