

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 1, 2020

St. Paul, Radisson/First Saskatchewan, Langham  
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Worship Times: First Sask Worship - 9:00 a.m.

St. Paul Worship - 11:00 a.m.

First Sask St. Paul

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### Welcome and Announcements

#### GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

(St. Paul) Sacrament of Holy Baptism ..... p.227

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### WORD

**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22** First Sask LBW p.231

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22** St. Paul Psalms after p.338

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

**Sermon/Reflection:**

It should not take us by surprise when Jesus, during his Sermon on the Mount, mentions the adversity faced by God's people. Living faithfully seldom results in a comfortable life. We struggle spiritually and have dark times. We grieve. We face injustice. We are called to the difficult tasks of forgiving, serving others, and pursuing reconciliation. And often we are called to live out our faith in a world that is hostile to the Gospel of Christ.

And in the midst of these struggles of the saints, Jesus proclaims blessing. The hardships of our world are an effect of sin. But God's people do not encounter the struggle alone. Through God's presence with us, we are blessed. God gives us the Kingdom of Heaven, even when we are grappling with faith. God consoles us with hope for the future, even as we grieve losses and withstand hard times.

God has come to us in Christ. He has shown us the depth of God's love by going to the cross and dying, taking all of our sin onto himself there. And he sticks with us: he has brought us through the death of our sinful selves into risen life with him, into a sainthood that begins in this life, and continues on into fulfillment before the throne of the Lamb. One day, we will join our sisters and brothers of every time and place, together, in the midst of perfect love and joy.

Until that day, Christ still accompanies us here, present with us in bread and cup and baptismal water, in the living Word of the Gospel, and in his saints. May we know the double blessing of not only trusting in Christ's presence with us, but also showing up to be Christ's presence, to share his loving company with others who are facing hardship. And may our

actions, our words, and our whole lives point toward the unending blessing of our God who abides with us. Amen.

#### Prayers of Intercession:

A: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A Brief Silence*

A: Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every nation, guide this country. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer (especially ...). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gather to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year since last All Saints Sunday and who are with the Lord forever - (Erika Flath, Lesley Sherstobitoff, and Ida Muller). In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

#### MEAL

#### Offering Prayer:

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving: First Sask WOV p.36  
St. Paul p.206

Words of Institution

#### HOLY COMMUNION

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**Let us remember in our prayers:** Andrew Nosterud, Edwin Loessin, Lisa Hamp, Gloria Hamp, Sonia Zacharias, Darren Wilkie, Carla Wilkie, Susan Wonko, Guy Norton, Heather Penno, Inga Abrahamson, Genie Thompson, Linda Hartshorn, Logan Kane, Lynn Sherstobitoff, Don Wenner, Alma Krueger, Anthony Flath, Elsie Flath, Conrad Olson, Ethel Kuny, Mark Anderson, Roger Wilkie  
Also, the family and friends of Ida Muller who passed away Monday, October 26 at the age of 92.

#### THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 2: Private funeral for Ida Muller at St. Paul  
Tuesday, November 3: 7:30p - St. Paul Council  
Wednesday, November 4: 1:30p - Cotton Pickin' Quilters at St. Paul  
Sunday, November 8: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion  
9:00a - First Sask Worship  
11:00a - St. Paul Worship

**On this All Saints Sunday** we remember with thanksgiving the members of our parish community who have died during the past year since last All

Saints Sunday: Erika Flath, Lesley Sherstobitoff, and Ida Muller.

**We welcome** into the Lord's family at St. Paul through the sacrament of holy baptism, SYBIL ALEXANDRIA KIEPER, daughter of Earl and Alison, born October 22, 2019. Sponsors for Sybil are Luke Meister and Alex Green. The baptismal font used this morning was borrowed from the Radisson Museum. The font was handmade by Charles Kieper, great, great grandfather of Sybil.

**So, where did October go, anyway?** As we move into November this Sunday morning, this is a reminder that Pastor Melissa's last service with us will be November 15. She had announced her resignation to the congregations at the September 27th service, and I know we all will miss her.

Bishop's Assistant, Dennis Serfas, has been very helpful in providing some names of pastors who are willing to serve our parish, at least on a part-time basis. So far we have reached out to three of them, and have made arrangements for worship and Communion at all four Advent services as well as one service in early January. We'll supply more detailed introductions in upcoming bulletins, but as a head-start, Pastor Bruce Ehlert will join us on November 29 and December 6. Many of our congregation may remember Pastor Bruce from his time at Redeemer in Saskatoon (1999-2010). Since 2010 he has served at Mount Olivet near Edmonton before he and his wife Susan recently returned to Saskatoon to be close to their grandchildren.

We continue to be watchful - daily - of the current pandemic resurgence, and we are aware that the wrong combination of outbreaks around Saskatoon and west could force us to cancel worship, with only short notice. Please join us in being watchful, and reach out to your council members if you feel there is something we need to know. Take care of each other, and may the Lord keep us all in His care. Peter K

**St. Paul:** Anyone wishing to let their name stand for church council for 2021, please contact Cathy Flath.

**Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes will be collected at St. Paul until

Sunday, November 15. Boxes are available at the back of the church.

**Gathering God's Harvest Webinar Series:** Thursdays, October 22 to November 19, 3:00p and 7:00p. This is a fall ecumenical series on stewardship. See bulletin board.

**St. Paul** - if you are not receiving the bulletins by email and would like to add your name to the list, please give Doris your email address by sending it to the parish address found at the beginning of this bulletin.

**Happy Birthday this week:** Cherie Schreiner, Jeremy Farthing, Sienna Lake, Gary Billingsley, Loretta Flath, Karen Petriew, Jill Brown, Debbie Schreiner

#### **Assistants next Sunday:**

First Sask - Murray Walker  
St. Paul - Cathy Flath

#### **Ushers next Sunday:**

Ushers - Murray Walker & Jill Turner  
Ushers - Calvin & Doreen Froom

#### **Attendance last Sunday:** no services

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#### **FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given 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.

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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Next Sunday’s Readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13 Scriptures taken from New Revised Standard Version