

**BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

“A THROG ARRAYED IN WHITE”

Text: Revelation 7:13, 14 “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?... 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.”

INTRODUCTION: The image is stunning. The Lamb of God on his throne, and his saints standing around the throne. Their robes are glistening white. They are free of any stain or blemish. They now live in the bliss of paradise restored. This is, finally, the plan the Father willed for us from the beginning. It is hard to return to our reality and routine here after seeing their new life.

- 1** – Revelation, finally, reveals the mystery!
- 2** – The setting of our text.
- 3** – John was exiled on the Island of Patmos.
- 4** – The command: write on a scroll what you see.
- 5** – This scroll retains information for us!
- 6** – This glimpse of heaven has two sides!
- 7** – Oh to be part of that throng already! How long, O Lord?!

CONCLUSION: The Book of Revelation picks up where the Gospels end. The Gospels narrate the incarnation, the humiliation, and the resurrection of Christ. Revelation presents us his exaltation! It is intensely Christological. Revelation is the end point of all Holy Scripture. Revelation confirms everything written about Jesus in the Old and the New Testaments. Revelation tells us what we can expect, and it is all good! Thank God for Revelation! Amen.

ALL SAINTS' DAY
Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out, *"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time, with unified voices, eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

SERVICE AND SCHEDULE INFORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Psalms.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the Sermon on the Mount.

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY at 7pm. Please contact DCE Jaime Greene at jaimelynn581@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 7pm in the Library for a study on 1st & 2nd Timothy.

THURSDAY MORNING at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of John.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the church office for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am for a study on Ephesians.

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FOURTH QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: For the fourth quarter of the year, our Special Missions gifts will support the SOS Center, an agency run by the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that helps Milwaukee school children and their families. The SOS Center offers after school tutoring, teaches Bible Stories and exemplifies Christian love in action. Many volunteers make this ministry possible!

CHURCH INFORMATION

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES: Today is the last day to return your Operation Christmas Child box! If you still have a box and need to bring it in, please contact the church office for the last available opportunity to do so. If you are willing to help us deliver the boxes to the drop-off location, please contact Jennifer or Jaime.

KRINGLE FUNDRAISER: It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Youth Group is holding their annual Kringle Fundraiser now through the end of November. Kringles are \$10 each and come in a variety of flavors. Please see one of the youth sitting at the table in the Narthex to purchase, or contact Jaime Greene.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT: Women's Ministry is excited to welcome back our annual Christmas by Candlelight event! On December 7th at 6:30pm, guests will be able to enjoy beautifully decorated tables, eat a delicious meal, and focus their hearts on the purpose of the Advent and Christmas season. Tickets will go on sale at the end of November, and only 100 will be available. We are looking for table hostesses and gentlemen who would be willing to help us serve the dinner. If you are interested, please sign up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

YOUNG AT HEART: On Thursday, November 18th at 11am, you are invited to join us as we hear from one of the Pabst Mansion docents. He'll share the story of Captain Fredrick Pabst and his family, as well as the history of the Pabst Mansion. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

BAKE AND CRAFT SALE: Women's Ministry will be holding its annual Craft and Bake Sale on Sunday, December 12th. We would greatly appreciate any donations of craft items you have! Please leave them in the Church Kitchen, clearly marked "Women's Ministry Craft Sale". Cookie donations will be accepted on Saturday, December 11th.

POINSETTIAS: They are available for purchase to beautify the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You may place your order on the church sign-up sheet through December 5. Please use the pew envelopes and mark it "Holiday Plants".

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Preschool's annual fall fundraiser is back! The Kleinhenn fundraiser has food, wrapping paper, cards, and so much more available. Funds raised from this will be put towards a new educational area near the fire pit area out back. If you would like to take a look or order please contact Jennifer Leinss. Thank you! Orders will be in before Christmas.

CRAM THE CUBBY: Throughout the month of November Blessed Savior preschool, Sunday school, and congregation will try to CRAM THE CUBBY with non-perishable food items, these items will then be donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the barrel located near the SCRIP table.

THRIVENT GRANTS: If you are a Thrivent member and are eligible for the Action Team grants and have not used them yet for 2021 please contact Jaime or Jennifer. We have a few projects in mind and would like to accomplish them if you are interested in sharing your Action Team grant.

COUPONS WANTED: Don't throw away those manufacturer's coupons that come in newspapers, magazines, inserts, etc! We are able to send these coupons to an Air Force base in England, where they can use them up to 6 months past their expiration date. If you are able, please cut them out, and bundle them by expiration date. If you are unable to cut them, we are able to do that for you. Please place all coupons in the military collection box in the Narthex.

VOTERS MEETING: Please join us for our biannual Voters Meeting on Sunday, November 21st at 11:30am. In addition to updates on our ministries and the Pastoral Call Committee, we will also be voting on our 2022 Annual Budget. Copies of the budget are available in the Narthex for you to go over prior to the meeting.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: We hope you'll make plans to join us in a service of praise and thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm and Thursday, November 25th at 9am.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for those undergoing medical treatment:

Adeline Collin Judy Karen Karena Kay Laverne Lee Marlene Nancy Ralph

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Fran & Cindy Petta in memory of Cindy's parents, Joe & Pat Stahl.

Bulletins are sponsored by Don & Deb Marx in celebration of their 39th anniversary and by Lee & Cathy Roloff in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Special Missions are sponsored by Bob & Carol Kunz in celebration of their 33rd anniversary.

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR November 5 – November 14

FRI	6:00pm	Craft Night
SAT	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am	Worship & Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship & Communion
MON	Scrip Orders Due	
TUES	6:30pm	Elders Meeting
	6:30pm	Women's Home Bible
	7:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
WED	9:00am	Quilters
	7:00pm	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Confirmation
THUR	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Worship & Communion
SAT	8:30am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00am	Handbell Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am	Worship & Communion
	9:15am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Worship & Communion
	6:00pm	Youth Group

Attendance: 172 **Offerings:** \$7,775 **Needed Weekly:** \$11,800