

5:30 p.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

**Order of Service**  
**Saint Michael Lutheran Church**  
**3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, Florida 33901**

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**All Saints' Day**

**November 1, 2025**

**Prelude**

*"For All the Saints"*

*arr. by Phil Lehenbauer*

**Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings**

**Opening Hymn**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*  
*(verses 1, 2, and 6)*

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**Invocation**

*Pastor:* In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* Amen.

**Opening Sentences**

*John 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27; Romans 14:7-8*

*Pastor:* Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die."

*People:* **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**

*Pastor:* For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

*People:* **So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.**

**Confession & Absolution**

*1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:12a*

*Pastor:* John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father. Most merciful God and Father,

*People:* **We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

*Pastor:* John reminds us, "Beloved, 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. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*People:* Amen.

# Hymn of Praise

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*words by Fanny Crosby;*

*music by Phoebe Knapp*

## First Reading

Revelation 20:11-21:5 (NIV)

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3 (NIV)

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Evening

*"For All the Saints"*  
(verses 1-4, 7-8)

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## Sermon

**"For All the Saints"**

*Pastor Dave Bass*

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit [tinyurl.com/smlcslive](http://tinyurl.com/smlcslive).

## Sermon Notes

# Remembrance of Baptism

Romans 6:3-4

## Commemoration of the Redeemed Children of God

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Eugene Krall</i>    | <i>Jill Johnson</i>       |
| <i>Mary Bohlmann</i>   | <i>Bill Free</i>          |
| <i>Jackie Koepchen</i> | <i>Matt Royston</i>       |
| <i>Greg Eggenberg</i>  | <i>Katherine Simpson</i>  |
| <i>Charlie Cook</i>    | <i>Rod Berger</i>         |
| <i>Marty Natter</i>    | <i>Bob Schroeder</i>      |
| <i>Ileen Boe</i>       | <i>Ron Ghormley</i>       |
| <i>Diane Hendry</i>    | <i>Pat Schroeder</i>      |
| <i>Dan Cody</i>        | <i>Betty Franceschini</i> |
| <i>Ella Sampson</i>    | <i>Robb Squires</i>       |
| <i>Violet Zurowski</i> | <i>Donald Audet</i>       |
| <i>Randy Middleton</i> | <i>Rose Marie Hart</i>    |
| <i>Brandon Dye</i>     | <i>Niel Nieman</i>        |

### Offering

*"We All Believe in One True God"*

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As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents, and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

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## Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

### Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymns

|                                          |     |
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| <i>"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"</i>        | 673 |
| <i>"Children of the Heavenly Father"</i> | 725 |

### Blessing

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| <b>Closing Hymn</b> | <i>"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i><br>(verses 1, 7, and 8) | 461 |
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| <b>Postlude</b> | <i>"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i> | arr. by Wilbur Held |
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