



BLESSED SACRAMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ himself..” — St. Ignatius of Antioch, Apostolic Father and Martyr.

Dear Blessed Sacrament family,

15 Oct 2020

Saturday 17 October the Holy Church remembers St. Ignatius of Antioch, quoted above. The Saints of the Church are our family members. Wise, courageous, and devout, the Saints are remembered in our prayers and collects, as our voices join theirs for the good of Christ’s kingdom. They are worthy of emulation and veneration. To ignore them is to live as if they are neither tethered to us nor active in the Church in heaven. Our family reads William Weedon’s *Celebrating the Saints* (Concordia Publishing House, 2016) as it follows the church calendar, hallmarking the days of Apostles, Prophets, and Saints who abide in the Lord’s immediate presence as our forebears. I commend this devotional material to you.

Sunday Mass. Proper 24. Color green. This week’s hymns: Processional: **909**; Psalm **96** (chanted responsively); Gloria **LBS** 946; Hymn of the Day: **517 + v.4**; Recessional: **803**. The Bombaro family will sing the Benedictus ~ Song of Zechariah (from Morning Prayer, LSB p.238f) during distribution. The texts for the next three weeks (with corresponding colors) are the following:

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| Oct. 18 (Proper 24) | Twentieth S. a. Pentecost | Is. 45:1–7 | Psalm 96:1–9 (10–13) | 1 Thess. 1:1–10 | Matt. 22:15–22 |
| Oct. 25 (observed) | Reformation Day (Oct. 31) | Rev. 14:6–7 | Psalm 46 | Rom. 3:19–28 | John 8:31–36 or Matt. 11:12–19 |
| Nov. 1 | All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) | Rev. 7:(2–8) 9–17 | Psalm 149 | 1 John 3:1–3 | Matt. 5:1–12 |

First Holy Communion. Catechumens gather 0830-0930 Saturday at the MacPherson home.

Catechesis. Every Sunday catechesis for all will take place from 0900 - 0945. We will continue with the 6th lesson in “Loving the Liturgy.”

Prayers for the saints in our midst. of Preparation. Following the Memorial Acclamation is the *Ecce Agnus Dei*. This spoken confession adapted from Matthew 8 is a confession/absolution dialogue whereby the celebrant declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper," and the church responds, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive You. But only say the word and I shall be healed." This is followed by the Holy Absolution of the *Pax Domine*, "The Peace of the Lord be with you always," during which the Body and Blood of Christ are presented as our peace with God for the forgiveness of sins.

Search for a Liturgical Space. We extend our thanks to the MacPherson family for their wonderful hospitality, hosting the parish for Mass each week. Nathan and David have been looking for a longer-term location suitable for the Divine Liturgy and are in negotiations. Let's pray for the Lord's favor in this regard.

Upcoming Event. A parish potluck Oktoberfest celebration will take place at the MacPherson home 7 November.

Thank you. We express our appreciation to Noah Hughes for the excellent job repairing the sanctus bells, by crafting a sturdy handle, as the original one was broken upon arrival.

Gratefully yours,
Pastor John