

Sermon Notes

"Freedom from Anxiety"
Matthew 6:25-34

1. Embrace Compelling Reasons to Abandon Worry
2. Embrace Convictions to Strengthen Faith
3. Embrace the Kingdom and His Righteousness

Prayer Opportunities

RECUPERATING: Greg Alty, Claire Dodd, Lori Gassler, Charlie Mitchell, Chuck and Anne Spruill, and Ryan Webb

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry
Being persuaded that the love of Christ compels us to share our food with the hungry in our neighborhood, our church participates with several area churches in the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry, located at nearby Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please pray for this ministry as it supplies food for individuals and families in need in the Rivermont area.

The Food Drive will be held during the month of November to replenish the Food Pantry. Find the bin in the Narthex where you may place your donations. The following non-perishable items, with an expiration date of November 2021 or later, are needed: peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, crackers, cereal, pasta, and pasta sauce. Please no family-sized items or glass jars. Monetary gifts are welcomed. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and state from REPC in memo line. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Jay Spencer (434-610-0011).

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer via Zoom on Tuesday, November 3 at 12:00 pm as we set aside this day for fasting and praying for the lost.

Also, please note that today's Outdoor Worship Service will take place at 4:00 pm instead of the regularly scheduled Prayer Meeting. The message will be from Acts 2 entitled "Devoted to Prayer".

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at www.rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Visitors, whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Connect Card on our website at rivermont.org/connect.

Next Steps to Connect:

We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.

- Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend on November 6-7. Learn more at www.rivermont.org/gtkr.
- Visit www.rivermont.org/zoom to find Adult Online Discipleship groups.
- Attend a Sunday School class via Zoom at 9:30 am between worship services.
- Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833, follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

<p>Sunday, November 1 - All Saints' Day End of Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>8:00 am Worship Service with Communion 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom) 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom) 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom) 9:45 am Communion with the Pastors (Sanctuary) 11:00 am Worship Service with Communion 4:00 pm Outdoor Worship Service (behind Country Gardens)</p> <p>Monday, November 2 9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>Tuesday, November 3- Election Day 6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (via Zoom) 9:00 am Preschool 10:30 am Circle#4 Meeting (Quinlan Room) 12:00 pm Monthly Fasting & Prayer Meeting (via Zoom) 4:00 pm Shepherding & Care Meeting (via Zoom) 5:00 pm Relational Discipleship Meeting (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 4 9:00 am Preschool 4:30 pm Praise Ringers (Chapel) 5:15 pm Carillon (Chapel) 5:15 pm Chapel Choir (Choir Room) 5:15 pm New Song (Room 301) 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>Friday, November 6 6:00 pm Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend</p> <p>Saturday, November 7 9:00 am Getting to Know Rivermont Weekend</p> <p>Sunday, November 8 8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Adult Sunday School (via Zoom) 9:30 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group (via Zoom) 9:30 am 7th-12th grade Sunday School (via Zoom) 11:00 am Worship Service 12:15 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run 4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (via Zoom)</p>
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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

November 1, 2020
All Saints' Day



Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, Who has knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so as to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who sincerely love You; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE:

(8:00) **"For All the Saints"** arr. Lani Smith

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(11:00) **Carillon Handbells**

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Matthew Compton

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior; O, there are ten thousand charms.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Shane Whelan

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.
The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: (See Insert)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" DIADEM

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Revelation 7:13-14; 14:13

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Before the Throne of God Above" (vs. 1 & 3) BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:25-34

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: **"Freedom from Anxiety"** Pastor Ron Cox

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE GLORIA:** **"Alleluia! Alleluia!"** EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

(8:00) **Praise Ringers**

"How Majestic Is Your Name" arr. Derek K. Hakes

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name.
Prince of peace, Mighty God. O Lord, God Almighty.

(11:00) **Carillon Handbells**

"Tapestry on 'Be Thou My Vision' " arr. Linker/McFadden

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Reception of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: (See Insert)

"For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE
(verse 3: Men & Boys; verse 4: Women & Girls)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*(PLEASE WAIT FOR ROW-BY-ROW DISMISSAL BY THE USHERS)

***POSTLUDE:** **"Fanfare from Premiere Suite"** Jean Joseph Mouret

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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All Saints' Day

In the church liturgical year, November 1 is designated as All Saints' Day, on which Christians traditionally remember with thanksgiving the life and witness of the faithful Christian men and women who have gone before us, following Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In the Prayer of Adoration and Confession this morning, we are remembering the saints of this congregation who have died since November 1, 2019. This is not a prayer of intercession for them, but a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and faithful witness, in the assurance that Christians who have preceded us in death are "away from the body and at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). The Westminster Shorter Catechism (#37) summarizes the teaching of Scripture by stating:

"When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection."

(Hebrews 12:23; Luke 23:43; Philippians 1:21,23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:14)

Liz Broyles	November 6, 2019	Beth Clark	February 19
David Adams	January 12	Marty Hallgren	April 29
Audrey Pritchett	February 13		