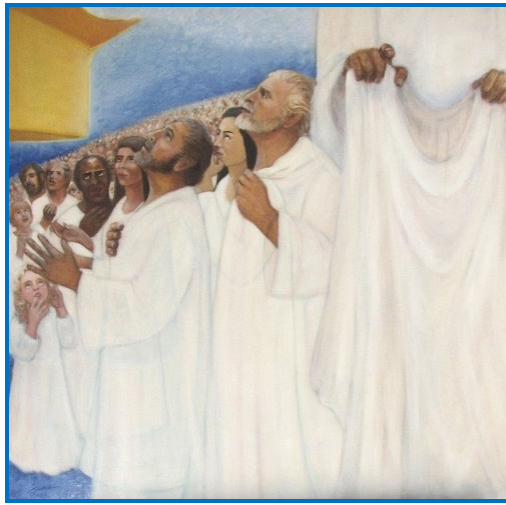


# Zion Lutheran Church



August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Martyrdom of  
St. John the Baptist



## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!**

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org) – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

Opening Hymn – The Son of God Goes Forth to War #661



1 The Son of God goes forth to war A king - ly crown to gain.  
2 The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave,  
3 A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few, On whom the Spir - it came,  
4 A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far; Who fol - lows in His train?  
Who saw his mas - ter in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Twelve val - iant saints—their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice, In robes of light ar - rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,  
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue In midst of mor - tal pain,  
They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Through per - il, toil, and pain.



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low— He fol - lows in His train.  
He prayed for those who did the wrong— Who fol - lows in his train?  
They bowed their necks their death to feel— Who fol - lows in their train?  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train!

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit



**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

**C** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

#### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

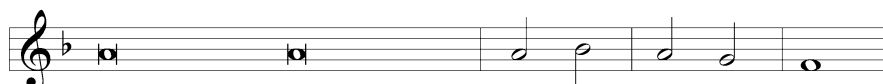
### Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



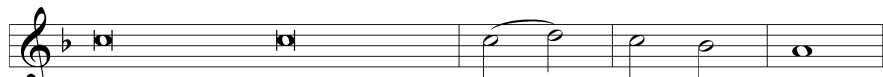
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



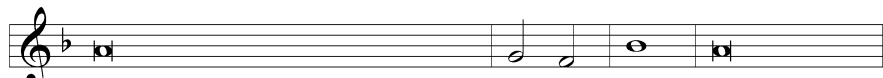
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You gave Your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in both his preaching of repentance and his innocent death. Grant that we, who have died and risen with Christ in Holy Baptism, may daily repent of our sins, patiently suffer for the sake of the truth, and fearlessly bear witness to His victory over death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### First Reading – Revelation 6:9–11

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then they were each given a white robe and

told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading – Romans 6:1–5

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And

Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.



And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.  
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day – If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee #750



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - void thee, These nev - er -  
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful  
 4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -  
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -  
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
 need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
 wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and  
 plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
 sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
 in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
 thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

*Cont'd.*

5 Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy for our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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## Sermon

## Offertory

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Lord in your mercy.

**C** ... Hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

☐ 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new

testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

### Distribution Hymns

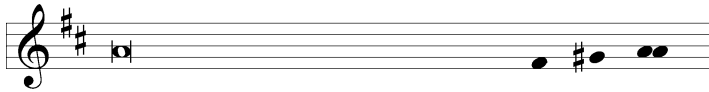
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	#746
When All the World Was Cursed	#346
From God Can Nothing Move Me	#713

### Nunc Dimittis

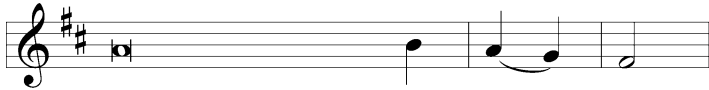


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.





Closing Hymn – Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

#667



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
 With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
 Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
 Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
 You fail us never!

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Joan Cisko, Dottie Heslop, Vince Kimberland, Gladys Cimarolli, and Ron Valentino.

-**Healing for:** Dennis Finney, Mary Ross, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Eva Bukovitz, Megan Richards, Al Riske, Kami Snow, Ruth Rostron, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Elias Kazas, Marian Siek, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Mabel Granke, and Jennifer Meyer.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

### *The World:*

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

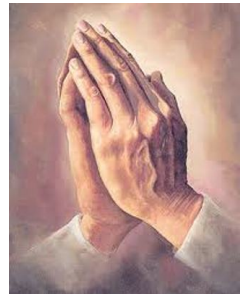
-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Brian Pasquini & Mike Kroeger
The Acolyte:	Decklan Pasquini (8:00) Christian Bonacci (10:30)
The Ushers:	Shane Bryant, Bill Schrag, Ken Schrag, Tim Sheldon (8:00) Mike Kozak, Susie Bishop, John Lemonovich, Anna Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt, Barb Oechslein

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Kozak family in memory of loved ones; and by Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in celebration of their grandson Samuel's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Megan & Brian Pasquini in honor of parents' anniversary.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES RALLY**

**DAY -- SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup>.** Kids will meet at 9:15 am in the preschool lobby for a brief welcome and goodie bag, then split into their respective classes. All children ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are cordially invited! If your child is new to our Sunday School program, please send an email to [sundayschool@zlc.org](mailto:sundayschool@zlc.org) to register.



**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/22) – 33 (8 am); 79 (10:30 am)

Wednesday Worship Attendance (8/25) -- 15

Sunday Plate Offering (8/22) – \$2987 Online Offering – \$2080

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlc.org/donate](http://www.zlc.org/donate)*

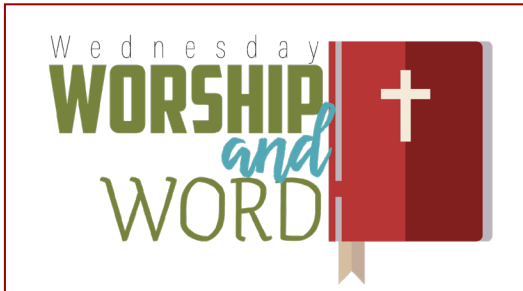


## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> 8/29	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MON</b> 8/30	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>TUE</b> 8/31	
<b>WED</b> 9/1	6:00 PM – Events Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching
<b>THU</b> 9/2	7:00 PM – Elders' Meeting
<b>FRI</b> 9/3	
<b>SAT</b> 9/4	
<b>SUN</b> 9/5	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult/Teen Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship



The music ministry at Zion is very active and always looking for people to get involved! If you enjoy singing and would like to find out more information on how to get involved, contact Music Director Mark Killinger at 412-874-5976 or [killingermue@hotmail.com](mailto:killingermue@hotmail.com)



### New Wednesday Afternoon Worship Service & Bible Study

Starting Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, each Wednesday we will have a 2 pm Worship Service (30 min) followed by a Bible study on one of Paul's epistles (30 min).

In addition, we'll continue with our 7 pm service/Bible study on Wednesday evenings.

Mid-week services and studies are a great opportunity for those unable to attend on Sunday, or anyone wanting to recharge through Word & Sacrament!

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## Do Lutherans honor and remember the saints?

Yes. Remembering and honoring the saints is very "Lutheran." God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.



## Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, which explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that we honor the saints for three reasons. ① Thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we thank God for "showing (his people) examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church." ② Strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives the saints, we are "encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin." (Do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the Apostles sinned and received forgiveness.) ③ "the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues ..." We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as they were!



**Parents:** Explain to your children that we are not praying to the saints; we are simply honoring them on a special day in the Church Year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!



