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Revelation 21:1-6a

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith & commitment, & to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Hebrews 9:11-22

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LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Review *Romans 6:4-6* alongside vv12, 14, 18, 22 above (cf. *Numbers 19:4*). Jesus quite literally dies for the sake of all sins. How does Jesus' redemptive death connect to the [Small Catechism's](#) teaching about our own daily dying to our sins? See [SC Baptism: #4](#) available [bookofconcord.org](#)
2. What are "the good things that have come," v9? Review [SC Creed](#), Baptism, Confession, Communion

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Notice *John 11:34-35* (and vv28-37 more broadly). How does Jesus own heart for the brokenhearted at his friend Lazarus' grave bring you comfort in your own times of grief & loss?
4. A Christian saint is a "holy one," a "hallowed one," & refers to all the baptized believers. What holy example of loving God & neighbor in everyday life do you set as a saint? See *Luke 1:74-75*; *2 Corinthians 6:3-10, 7:1*; *Ephesians 4:20-24*; *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, 4:1-8*; *Hebrews 12:14*; *2 Peter 3:11*

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. As we approach Thanksgiving- the ground of all American holidays- we may reflect on just how many times & ways God feeds & will feed his people (cf. *Isaiah 25:6-9*). How can you speak more clearly about your feeding of others is an instance of God's love & mercy for them?
6. For All Saints Sunday spend time each day this week giving God thanks for at least 3 of his faithful believers (different ones each day) who "urged & encouraged" you in growing to the full stature of faithfulness. Name two or three people you can do the same for & make a plan to start doing it before the end of the year. Cf. *Ephesians 4:13*; *1 Thessalonians 2:12*; *Hebrews 12:1-2*

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Festival of All Saints

11.03.24

Series: Redemption

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

The same yesterday, & today, & forever

Bloodshed

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins

-Notes-

KEY VERSE: How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! (*v14*)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

They are before the throne of God, & the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. (*Revelation 7:15*)

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