

Is remembering and honoring the saints really Lutheran?

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, a book that explains
what Lutherans believe, teaches that
Lutherans may honor the saints for
three reasons. The first reason is for
thanksgiving. When we honor the
saints, we are thanking God for
"showing [His people] examples of
His mercy, revealing His will to save
men, and giving teachers and other
gifts to the church." The second rea-

FOR PARENTS

Explain to your children that we do not pray to the saints, but that we may honor them by remembering 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!

son is for strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives His people, the saints, we are "encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin." (For example, do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the apostles would sin and receive forgiveness.) The third reason is "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 He kept them!

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Death: A Sleep



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I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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Let us pray: Stir up, we beseech You, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people, that they may lay hold of Your gracious promises by faith, and in their lives bring forth the fruits thereof; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. C: Amen.

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

9. The Lesson: Isaiah 51:9-16

Awake, awake! Clothe Yourself with strength, O Arm of the Lord; awake, as in days gone by, as in generations of old. Was it not You who cut Rahab to pieces, who pierced that monster through? Was it not You who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made a road in the depths of the sea so that the redeemed might cross over? The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

"I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass, that you forget the Lord your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day

because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction? For where is the wrath of the oppressor? The cowering prisoners will soon be set free; they will not die in their dungeon, nor will they lack bread. For I am the Lord your God, who churns up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is His name. I have put My words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of My hand—I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"(NIV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

10. Gradual



All: You have delivered 'my soul from death,'
My eyes from tears, and my 'feet from falling.

I `love the Lord,/

Because He has heard my voice and my 'supplications.

With You is the `fountain of life;/
In Your `light we see light.

Behold, I am `coming quickly./
Amen. Even so, `come, Lord Jesus!

11. The Epistle:Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*12. The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:18-26

While Jesus was speaking, a ruler came and knelt before Him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put Your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did His disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the edge of His cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch His cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," He said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, He said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at Him. After the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region. (NIV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

7 C: God be praised for His glad tidings.

*13. The Apostles' Creed p.46

14. The Chief Hymn

#525 - I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name stanzas 1-5

15. The Sermon: St. Matthew 9:18-26

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The Chief Hymn

#525 - I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name stanzas 6-7

*16. The Prayer of the Church p. 48-49

*17. The Apostolic Benediction p. 49

18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn

God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure, Throughout all generations. (#583)

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*20. The Collect p. 58 Form III

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