Sermon Study Guide for November 1st, 2026

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: **Every Tear Wiped Away**

Grief is a constant battle. In a moment, in a second, a memory of grief or pain can come flooding in. But Jesus is the ultimate comfort to grief, and how difficult it is for us to imagine when God will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

Getting Started: (sharing with each other)

1. All Saints' Day is one of those Christian celebrations that on one hand, we have tears from the grief we feel. On the other hand, we celebrate because we know those who have gone to be with Jesus are secure in His arms. What are some emotions that come up for you on All Saints' Day?

2. Who are the special people that you want to remember on All Saints' Day? What about them do you specifically want to remember this year?

3. Grief is persistent and can be very tough to go through. Here's an image I like to use in regard to the stages of grief. How have you helped other through their times of grieving?

In the Word: Mathew 5:1-12

4. This section of scripture is called the Beatitudes. That comes from the Latin word which means blessed. We see this in the words of Jesus. How do you see these blessings in your life, knowing that the blessings are ultimately eternal?

5. How do these verses show us that we are going to have struggles in this life, but that with our eyes to eternity, we have so much more in store?

6. How do these words give you comfort and hope, especially near a celebration like All Saints' Day?

In the Word: Revelation 7:9-17

7. The multitude dressed in white. The ones proclaiming the victory of Christ. Jesus has already won! The victory is yours and mine right now. How do we join in this marvelous song with those who have gone before us?

8. In verse 16, we read, “never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.” A lot of questions that come up about heaven and the New Creation usually end up dealing with things we think of in our worldly and earthly bodies. How does this verse show us differently?

9. Verse 17 is a beautiful ending to this section of scripture, “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’” What comfort does this give to you on this All Saints' Day Celebration?

Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)

10. There are great ways that we can honor, remember, and think about our loved ones who have gone to be with Jesus. What are some of the ways that you remember loved ones?

11. As we look to eternity, a day like All Saints’ Day shouldn’t seem odd or forced. The reality of grief is there, but thanks be to God for the hope that we have in who Jesus is and what He has done for us. How can you, knowing this comfort and hope, help those who need to know that comfort and hope? How can you pass that hope along?

Prayer: Thank God that He has freed us from our sins. Thank God that He has given us the victory over sin, death, and the devil. Thank God that we know that our eternal home is secure through what Jesus has done for us. Ask God to help continue to walk through any grief that you may be experiencing. Thank God that you have the hope, peace, and comfort to face grief in your life.

Next Week: *Stewards Engaged in Sharing the Gospel*

In the Great Commission, Jesus called His disciples to go spread the Gospel throughout all nations. This commission involves the whole church, each of us, in joining Jesus on His mission.