



October 31st & November 1st

Personal Activity—List five people whom you look forward to being with when the Lord returns.

Small Group Activity— Discuss your answers.

Large Group Study

➤ Revelation 7:9-17

Head (Knowledge):

- According to the study note in the Concordia Study Bible, verses 1-8 describe the church on earth and verses 9-17 describe the church in heaven. Generally speaking, what can you know about the church in heaven from the verses 9-17?
- What comes to mind as you read these adjectives (**in bold**)?
 - **great** multitude (v. 9)
 - **white** robes (v. 9)
 - **every** nation (v. 9)
 - **palm** branches (v. 9)
 - **great** tribulation (v. 14)
 - **their** shepherd (v. 17)

- **living** water (v. 17)
- **every** tear (v. 17)

Heart (Attitude):

The Book of Revelation, with all of its visions, was written to bring hope to Christians amidst the suffering of life. What emotions (positive and negative) do you feel as you read this vision?

Hands (Behavior):

The liturgy was created to help Christians experience a bit of heaven on earth. What actions can you take in worship to help this happen for fellow Christians gathering around God’s Word & Gifts?

Personal Activity— Finish this sentence: “Being WITH people isn’t always easy because...”

Large Group Study

Worship is designed to be a “practice session” for living out God’s will upon leaving the Divine Service. God’s will is that His children “be together” in this life.

Consider your life outside of the worship service. How can engaging in worship regularly help you “be together” with people (Christians and others) throughout the week?

The divine service can be broken into two parts:

1. God bringing His gifts to us (Sacramental)
2. God bringing His gifts through us (Sacrificial)

List as many actions in the service that you think are Sacramental.

List as many actions in the service that you think are Sacrificial.

Which of these activities can help you when you struggle with the above statement: “Being WITH people isn’t always easy because...”