



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



*Yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## *All Saints Day*

*November 1, 2020*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

All Saints Day invites us to see things in light of eternity. All sorts of things in this world have the appearance of importance: possessions, buildings, traditions, reputations, money, power, etc. But how important are they in light of eternity? Not at all. Today we will read St. Paul's advice to the church in Corinth about earthly concerns, especially lawsuits. We see that his advice is to treat these things from the perspective of God's work in eternity. That is good advice for us as well.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

Please observe social distancing and remain conscious of the need to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In this bulletin is an insert that will be used to determine today's attendance. It will also help to identify who was here if contact tracing is necessary. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

*Those who wish are invited to kneel. Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

**C: Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn On Eagle's Wings

*(For music turn to Hymn 787 in the Red Hymnal)*

1. **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

#### *Refrain*

**"And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand."**

2. **Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;**

**under God's wings your refuge  
with faithfulness your shield. Refrain**

**3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by the day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. Refrain**

**4. For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain**

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### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into 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 and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## † WORD †

### First Reading 1 Corinthians 3

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will

receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

<sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup>the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. <sup>14</sup>If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup>If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup>and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

<sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (read responsively)

A: I will never stop thanking God  
with constant words of praise.

**C: My soul will boast of God;  
the poor will hear me and be glad.**

A: Join me in praising the Lord,  
together tell of God's name.

**C: I asked and the Lord responded,  
freed me from all my fears.**

A: Turn to God, be bright with joy;  
you shall never be let down.

**C: I begged and God heard,  
took my burdens from me.**

A: God's angel defends the faithful,  
guards them on every side.

**C: Drink in the richness of God,  
enjoy the strength of the Lord.**

A: Live in awe of God, you saints:  
you will want for nothing.  
Even if lions go hungry,  
those seeking God are fed.

**C: God saves those who keep faith;  
no trusting soul is doomed.**

*Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

When any of you has a grievance against another, do you dare to take it to court before the unrighteous, instead of taking it before the saints? <sup>2</sup>Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that we are to judge angels—to say nothing of ordinary matters? <sup>4</sup>If you have ordinary cases, then, do you appoint as judges those who have no standing in the church? <sup>5</sup>I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to decide between one believer and another, <sup>6</sup>but a believer goes to court against a believer—and before unbelievers at that? <sup>7</sup>In fact, to have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? <sup>8</sup>But you yourselves wrong and defraud—and believers at that.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation* (John 15:13)

**C: Alleluia. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* John 15:12-17

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made

known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*After the reading:*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

**C:** Praise to you O Christ.

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day For All the Saints  
(For music turn to Hymn 422 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **For all the saints who from their labors rest...  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
3. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one within your great design.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
4. **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
5. **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
...sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
6. **But then their breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;**

**the King of glory passes on his way.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

- 7. From earth's wide bounds from oceans farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
...singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

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*Apostles' Creed*

P: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. These petitions will be read by people in the congregation:*

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who lived in communion with animals, with the earth and the seas. Bless the earth, that all creatures will live out your intention for their place in creation. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all those who spread the gospel. Give us the courage and creativity we need to do it, and be with the missionaries we support: the Rev. Matthew Nickloff in Rochester and the Rev. Karen Anderson in Chile. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who put their lives on the line for others. Be with soldiers, police, and emergency workers as they do their daily work. Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: We share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Special Music

† MEAL †

Thanksgiving Prayer

P: Let us pray: God of all goodness,

**C: generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather gifts from your abundance and give you thanks for your rich**



**blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is our joy that we always give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus the Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may be comforted by your mercy, and rejoice with you in glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and place; and on this day, most especially with: *(the names are read, followed by the ringing of a bell after each)* we look forward to the day when we may be joined with them again and join in this everlasting hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:8 spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Lord's Prayer*

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. The pastor will bring a wafer to you and place it in your hands. The communion assistant will follow with a tray of grape juice or wine.*

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray...

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**C: Amen**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer  
(For music see Hymn 618 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**
  
2. **Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.**
  
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

## All Saints Remembrance

James Anderson	Alton Larson	Bernie Talty
Robyn Balliet	Ron Miller	Jack Torrell
Persida Bellapianta	Barbara O'Conner	Dorothy Urbanic
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Grace Garvey	Joseph Ousey	Trevor Waugh
Harold Gillern	Arthur Peck III	Jennie Wendt
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