



# 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 Sunday*

*November 2, 2025*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and heed the admonitions of our Lord Jesus.

*-from Sundays and Seasons 2025*

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is available in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Shall We Gather at the River  
(For music turn to Hymn 423 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

*Refrain* **Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

**2. On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain***

**3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***

**4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen**

*Hymn of Praise* Goodness is Stronger than Evil  
(For harmonization see Hymn 721 in the Red Hymnal)

**Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death;  
vict'ry is ours,  
vict'ry is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
Vict'ry is ours,  
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through God who loves us.**

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*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

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 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* Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

B: In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:  
<sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 149 (read responsively)

D: Sing a new song, you faithful,  
praise God in the assembly.

**C: Israel, rejoice in your maker,  
Zion, in your king.  
Dance in the Lord's name,  
sounding harp and tambourine.**

D: The Lord delights  
in saving a helpless people.

**C: Revel in God's glory,  
join in clan in clan.**

D: Shout praise from your throat,  
sword flashing in hand

**C: to discipline nations  
and punish the wicked,**

D: to shackle their kings  
and chain their leaders,

and execute God's sentence.

**C: You faithful, this is your glory!**

**Hallelujah!**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

E:<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Revelation 7:15)

**C: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 6:20-31

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*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.**

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.*

Offertory and Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

*During the offertory you are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.*

† MEAL †

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

*For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: God of abundance:

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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.

*Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.*

*The prayer concludes:*

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

**C: 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 6:3, 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come, the Lord invites all people to the table.

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**840** *Now Thank We All Our God (Red Hymnal)*

**54** *Lamb of God (Songbook Binder)*

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

A: Let us pray:

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

†    SENDING    †

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn God the Omnipotent

1. **God the omnipotent! King who ordainest  
great winds thy clarions, lightning thy sword;  
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest;  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
2. **God the all merciful! Earth hath forsaken  
meekness and mercy, and slighted thy Word;  
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken;  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
3. **God the All-righteous One! We have defied thee,  
yet to eternity standeth thy Word;  
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee;  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.**
4. **God the all-wise! By the fire of thy chast'ning  
earth shall to freedom and truth be restored;  
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hast'ning;  
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.**

Text: Henry R. Chorley, 1808-1872, sts. 1-2; John Ellerton, 1826-1893 sts. 3-4 alt. Music: Alexis F. Lvov, 1799-1870.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

### All Saints Remembrance

Brenda Bower	Susan Johnson	Don Rasmussen
Darrel Brown	Steven Kagan	Jim Rice
Suzanne Burnett	Lona Kennard	Mike Savage
Catherine Bushman	Dan Lindskoog	Joyce Schoene
DeElda Butschat	Ed Lindskoog	Rose Smith
Sarah Camp	J Joyce Lindskoog	David Storch
Don Cook	Mary Mariani	Helen Thiel
Rodney Dutton	Janet Milliman	Celie Urland
Russ Ebbets	Muriel Nado	Linda Withall
Brian Gillern	Jim Nowell	Gary Wood
Timothy Jachlewski	Julie Perinton	Richard Wunder

### Worship assistants TODAY::

Greeters and Ushers	Janice Lockwood
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Sue Kaufmann
Communion Assistant	Emma Deibler
Counters	Burdie Gillern and Babette Huber
Coffee Hour	

### Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 9

Greeters and Ushers	Rob Stroup
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Counters	Greg and Mary Zuege
Coffee Hour	

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