



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 6, 2022

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.

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Welcome to worship today!

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

† 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*

Apostles' Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(A moment of silence for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build the body of Christ.**

Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

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.
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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 2 Timothy 1

B: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit

of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. ¹⁵You are aware that all who are in Asia have turned away from me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷when he arrived in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me ¹⁸—may the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! And you know very well how much service he rendered in Ephesus.

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*)

D: 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.**

D: 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.**

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

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

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

C: Drink in the richness of God,

enjoy the strength of the Lord.

D: 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 2 Timothy 2-3:9

E: You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ²and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. ¹⁶Avoid profane chatter, for it will lead people into more and more impiety, ¹⁷and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have swerved from the truth by claiming that the resurrection has already taken place. They are upsetting the faith of some.

¹⁹But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness." ²⁰In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for special use, some for ordinary. ²¹All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work.

²²Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, ²⁵correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, ²⁶and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

3You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. ²For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them! ⁶For among them are those who make their way into households and captivate silly women, overwhelmed by their sins and swayed by all kinds of desires, ⁷who are always being instructed and can never arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these people, of corrupt mind and counterfeit faith, also oppose the truth. ⁹But they will not make much progress, because, as in the case of those two men, their folly will become plain to everyone.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Timothy 1:14)

C: Alleluia. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading John 14:1-7

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No

one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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 the Church

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. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **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.

† MEAL †

Special Music

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: Blessed are you, Maker of all things:

**C: as you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,**

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

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)

1 *All Are Welcome (Songbook Binder)*

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

F: We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

Blessing

P: The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Shout to the Lord
(For music turn to Hymn 821 in the Red Hymnal)

Verse

**My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like you;
All of my days
I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.**

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord all the earth
Let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You,
Forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

Repeat Verse and Chorus

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.



"Don't we have casual Friday here?"

All Saints Remembrance

Maureen Betsinger
Gary Boisseau Sr.
Erin Bunn
Paul Dannenberg
Patricia Hortop
Bobby Huber

Don Johnson
Marie Kesel
Winona Krom
Jo Lane
David Lynch

Frances Mann
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Cathy Mergenthaler
Jean Sholly
Curtis Stromstad

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Gary Wood
Acolyte	Owen Young
Altar Care	Helen Crown
Communion Assistant	Sue Kaufmann
Counters	Burdie Gillern and Babette Huber
Coffee Hour	Sue Kaufmann

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 13

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Creed White
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up!</i>

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