



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 7, 2021

10:30 Holy Communion

For the last several months we have been exploring the prophets in the Old Testament. Today, All Saints Sunday, we turn our attention to Daniel. Daniel seeks to bring hope to people who are powerless and feel there is no hope. Daniel concludes with a vision of God's ultimate salvation for his people. It is a great and glorious vision reminding everyone that all things are in God's hands.

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

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*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

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

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise Kyrie Eleison

"Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord have mercy."

(For music turn to Hymn 19 in the Songbook binder)

Refrain

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day**

- 1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all.
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
- 2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the
hungry and the poor.
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
- 3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

**4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives
in the water and the Word
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! 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 Daniel 12

B: "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, Daniel, keep the words secret and the book sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be running back and forth, and evil shall increase."

⁵Then I, Daniel, looked, and two others appeared, one standing on this bank of the stream and one on the other. ⁶One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was upstream, "How long shall it be until the end of these wonders?" ⁷The man clothed in linen, who was upstream, raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven. And I heard him swear by the one who lives forever that it would be for a time, two times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things would be accomplished. ⁸I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" ⁹He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰Many shall be

purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked shall continue to act wickedly. None of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹From the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that desolates is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days. ¹²Happy are those who persevere and attain the thousand three hundred thirty-five days. ¹³But you, go your way, and rest; you shall rise for your reward at the end of the days.”

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 24 (read responsively)

D: God owns this planet
and all its riches.

The earth and every creature
belong to God.

**C: God set the land on top of the seas
and anchored it in the deep.**

D: Who is fit to climb God’s mountain
and stand in his holy place?

**C: Whoever has integrity:
not chasing shadows,
not living lies.**

D: God will bless them,
their savior will bring justice.

**C: These people long to see the Lord,
they seek the face of Jacob’s God.**

D: Stretch toward heaven, you gates,
open high and wide.

Let the glorious sovereign enter.

**C: Who is this splendid ruler?
The Lord of power and might,
the conqueror of chaos.**

D: Stretch toward heaven, you gates,
open high and wide.

Let the glorious sovereign enter.

**C: Who is the splendid ruler?
The Lord of heaven’s might,
this splendid ruler is God.**

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

E: [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Revelation 21:3)

C: Alleluia. The home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
(For music see Hymn 561 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.
2. In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.
3. You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

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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 †

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Holy God,

**C: the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen us to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our 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 6:3 - 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.**

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. Please come forward to the altar rail. The pastor will give you a wafer. The communion assistant will hold a tray of wine or grape juice (white.. If you need a gluten free option please tell the pastor. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

459 *Wade in the Water (Red Hymnal)*

50 *In Remembrance of Me (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: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn 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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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

All Saints Remembrance

David Bliss	Emmy Gelb	Caroline Malahieude
Paul Briggs	Knute Halvorson	Ann Ogorevc
Ed Carey	Vickie Hanson	Jean Schoen
Lester Conover	Sue Harnish	Vicky O’Neill
James Creel	Joe Incardona	Joe Pow I
Donald Curtis	Erin Mangan Isaacs	Rich Roeger
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