



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 3, 2019

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.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us
confess our sin against God and one another.

(Silence for reflection)

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: we confess the ways that we live only for ourselves.

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sin and strengthen us for service
to all in need;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you!

Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

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,
vict'ry is ours,
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 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 Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry *Scripture Poetry* Psalm 149 (read responsively)

A: 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.**

A: The Lord delights
in saving a helpless people.

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

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

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

A: to shackle their kings
and chain their leaders,
and execute God's sentence.

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

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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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 21:5-38

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various

places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls. ²⁰“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²²for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. ²³Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” ³⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

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

A: 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 & 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

A: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus our Lord, now and forever. 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. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. 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

A: Let us pray: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: The love of God surround you;
the grace of Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

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

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Sara DeMuzio and Tricia Kolczynski
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup and Gary Wood
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	
Coffee Hour	Trudy Wyman and Kristi Bullwinkle

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 19, 2018

Greeters and Ushers	Paul and Babette Huber
Acolyte	Joe Wyman
Nursery Care	Katy Laura Stroup
Counters	See counters schedule
Coffee Hour	Elizabeth Young

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All Saints Remembrance

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