



“²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.”

Luke 6:23

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday – November 6, 2016

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an *, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

HOLY COMMUNION

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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 to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

PRELUDE: *Rejoice in God’s Saints* – Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God the Father of glory;
in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer;
in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God’s mercy.

Gracious God,
**we acknowledge that we are sinners
and we confess our sins—
those known to us that burden our hearts,
and those unknown to us but seen by you.
We know that before you nothing remains hidden,
and in you everything is revealed.
Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;
and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion,
God saves us and + forgives us all our sins.
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us
and by the light of the Holy Spirit
guides our feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

***GATHERING SONG #422: For All the Saints**

***GREETING**

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

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

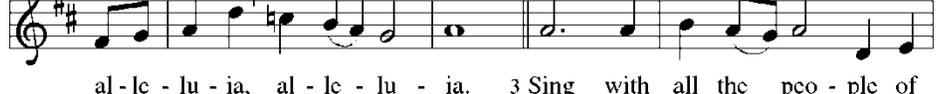


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

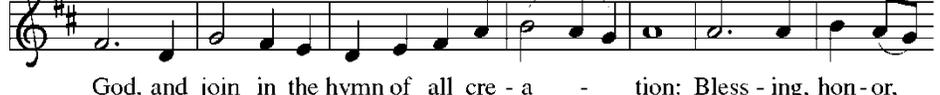
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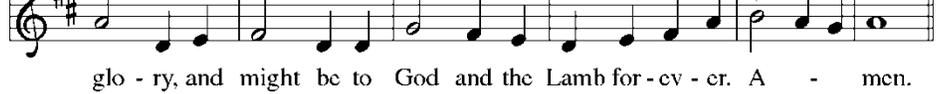
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹In 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: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I 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: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149



1. Sing praise to the Lord; come, sing a new song.
 2. With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,
 3. In glo-ry ex-cult, you saints of the Lord;
 4. For this is God's word: his saints shall not fail,

A - mid all his saints his prais - es pro - long.
 with danc - ing and song give praise to his name.
 with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord.
 but o - ver the earth their pow'r shall pre - veil.

Let Is - rael be glad in their Mak - er and sing;
 For God in his peo - ple his plea - sure will seek,
 Go forth in his ser - vice, be strong in his might
 All king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword-

let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
 with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 thus God shows his glo - ry. Sing praise to the Lord!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand

***REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life,
we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors.

O God, our help in ages past
and our hope for years to come:

**We give you thanks for all your faithful people
who have followed the light of your word
throughout the centuries into our time and place.**

God of life, we remember and give thanks for: Jayson Dinan, Edward Stoves, Frances & Ed Wehr, Hulda & Paul Schulz, Roy C. Grisp, Jr., Elizabeth Kramer-Grisp, Chmer Kramer, Joseph Nania, Betty Ann Nania, Fred Smith, Marietta Zidanic, Viola Zimmerman.

As we remember these your children,
strengthen us to follow Christ through this world
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,
where suffering and death will be no more.

**Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #728: *Blest Are They

At 8AM, the service continues with the Profession of Faith on next page.

***PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Christians from other denominations become members of the Lutheran Church through reception into the local congregation. In Baptism they were made Christians; now they become members of the Lutheran Church.

A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:

These persons have come to us from other churches, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

I present **Karen Collins, Jacob Gordon, Carol Keddie, and Jessica Schneider**, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and this brother,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

Enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

At 8AM, the service continues with the Peace.

***AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and this brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and this brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

We pray for Carol, Jacob, Jessica, and Karen, who have affirmed their Baptisms, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death, that the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth. That they may be kept in faith and communion of your holy church, sent into the world in witness to your love and be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness, especially Erin, Jim & Davena, Raymond, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Jane, David & Ellen, those on our prayer list and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts, that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized, that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

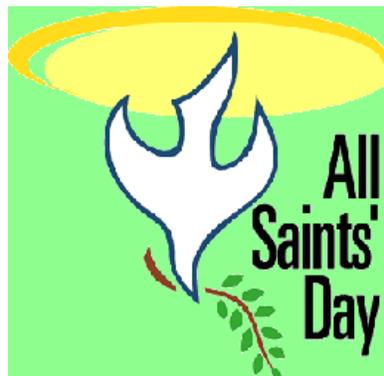
In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

***OFFERING HYMN:** *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

All stand for the final refrain as the gifts are brought forward.



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the re - sur - rec - tion song!
2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
3. Life e - ter - nal! heaven re - joic - es; Je - sus lives, who once was dead.

Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing, nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,

in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - ery hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling,
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and carth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Share in the inheritance of all the saints.
Come to the table prepared for you.

In commemoration of All Saints Sunday, you are invited to light a candle in memory of those who have died. As you come forward to receive Holy Communion, take a taper, light it off the larger candle and place it in the sand. Please assist small children.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.

COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God*

The image shows the musical notation for the Communion Song 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.'

COMMUNION HYMN #423: *Shall We Gather at the River*

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, shepherding God,
that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day,
feeding us richly with the food of Paradise.

Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives,
and gather us with the saints in the day of our death;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.

Anoint with a servant heart
those who take your word and sacrament
to our sisters and brothers
who are sick or homebound.

Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope
to those who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.

May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG #418: *Rejoice in God's Saints

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints* – Arthur Hutchings

The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all the saints.

8:00 am

Assisting Minister: Kelly Greb
Communion Assistant: Missy Kramer
Acolyte:
Lector:
Usher: Matt Claus
Attendance Last Week: 89
Weekly Budgeted Expense: \$ 3,374.14
YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$145,087.86
YTD Actual Expense: \$

10:30 am

Assisting Minister: Martha Ward
Communion Assistant:
Acolyte:
Lector:
Usher:
Attendance Last Year: 74
Last Week's Giving: 2,027.44
YTD Receipts: \$123,087.22

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Sing Praise to the Lord – text from Psalm 149, para. *The Psalter, 1912*, alt.; tune: HANOVER, by William Croft.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory – text by William J. Irons; tune: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt.