



“Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

~John 11:40

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday – November 4, 2018

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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? 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

All Saints Sunday – November 4, 2018

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

PRELUDE: *Prelude in F – J.S. Bach*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

Amen.

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

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways 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 our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN #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.

***GLORY TO GOD**



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



1) Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



2) Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.
 ☐ For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***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: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

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;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the God of their sal - va - tion.

¹The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and all who | dwell therein.

²**For it is he who founded it up- | on the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers | of the deep. R**

³“Who can ascend the hill | of the LORD
and who can stand in his | holy place?”

⁴“**Those who have clean hands and | a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what | is a fraud.**

⁵They shall receive a blessing | from the LORD
and a just reward from the God of | their salvation.”

⁶**Such is the generation of | those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;
and the King of glory | shall come in.

⁸“**Who is this | King of glory?”**

“**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle.”**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;
and the King of glory | shall come in.

¹⁰“**Who is he, this | King of glory?”**

“**The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory.” R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation.

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God’s people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON
SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY #654: *The Church's One Foundation

***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: James Marshall, Vida Lloyd, Audrey Mannerino, Esther Keith, Henrietta Murray, Bob Cole, Bob & Irene Davidson, Waldo & Edna Smallwood, Bud & Peg Hager, Leland & Helen Hager, Charles & Irene Davidson, Jim Ernst, Alice Ross, Wally Strabel, Doris & Harold McCandless, Imogene & Irvine Werner, Charles Grant Werner, Andrea Niklewicz, Bea Mohr, Hazel & Pete Wilson, Charles Hardt, Jr., Leona & Loyal Ferguson, Jane Ann & Bert Bishop, William & Laura Hesperheide, Cliff & Dorothy Foster, Jeffrey Foster, Eugene Siembieda, Wilbur & Helen Kramer, Jay & Laverna Schlag, Clifford Hovland, David Bishop, Bud & Hazel Bishop, Francis & Agnes McKeon, Dolores Nelson, Martha D'Amico, Lorraine Ernst, Margaret & Francis Ward, Margaret & Chris Gurtner, Fred & Kathryn Vitanza, and Ryan Baker.

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.**

CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief, especially Bob, Jeannette, Carol, Cindy, Karen, Harry, Ruth, Pastor Storm, Frieda, Kim, Bill, Francis & Grace, David & Ellen, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our heart. Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality. Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous, and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

If you have not already done so, please bring up your "Leaf of Thanksgiving" and place it on our Tree of Thanksgiving at this time.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *I am a Child of God*

I am a child of God, and he has sent me here; has given me an earthly home, with parents kind and dear. Lead me, guide me, walk beside me, help me find the way. Teach me all that I must do, to live with Him someday.
I am a child of God, and so my needs are great. Help me to understand His words before it grows too late. Lead me, guide me, walk beside me, help me find the way. Teach me all that I must do, to live with Him someday.
I am a child of God, rich blessings are in store. If I but learn to do his will, I'll live Him once more. Lead me, guide me, walk beside me, help me find the way. Teach me all that I must do to live with Him someday. To live with Him someday.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Please stand.

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 and salutary

that we should at all times and in all places

offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father,

through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints

you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling;

that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship,

we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us

and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff contains: "might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff contains: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff contains: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff contains: "high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word,
inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things,
and in him you take delight.

He is your Word,
sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,

born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;

he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.
It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This is my blood poured out for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever.



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**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life

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. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG: *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, 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.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends in mission to the world.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG #427: *For All Your Saints, O Lord

*DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in F* – J.S. Bach

8:00 am

Assisting Minister: Kelly Greb
Communion Assistant:
Acolyte:
Lector:
Usher: Larry Werner
Attendance Last Week: 66
Weekly Budgeted Expense: \$ 3,088.92
YTD Budgeted Expenses: \$ 132,823.69
YTD Actual Expense: \$147,098.86

10:30 am

Assisting Minister: Martha Ward
Communion Assistant:
Acolyte:
Lector:
Usher:
Attendance Last Year: 78
Last Week's General Giving: \$
Last Week's Designated Giving: \$
2018 YTD General Giving: \$
2018 YTD Designated Giving: \$
2018 YTD Receipts: \$

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