

**ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**7:45AM
& 10:45AM**

**NOVEMBER
7, 2021**



Making the
Love of
Christ
Known

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Prelude

(during the prelude)

Invitation to light candles of remembrance

Individuals/families are invited to come forward to light candles representing the lives of those faithful departed they are remembering this day. Time may be taken for silent prayer.

Eternal God, from whom we come and unto whom our spirits return, in your service we find our peace and by your grace we are saved; hear us now as we pray.

We thank you for all those who have run this race, and kept the faith. We thank you for their triumphs over evil, and their courage in times of difficulty. We thank you for their Christian examples of character, and their joy of living.

Today, Lord, we rejoice in remembering the lives of those who have helped shape the length and breadth and depth and height of our being. You blessed them in this life and your grace continues with them even now.

Lord, grant us such triumphs in our living so that the day will come when we will join them in the true reward of life; to dwell with and in your presence for all eternity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Welcome /Announcements



For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music:

Remembrance of the Saints

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

These saints of St. John, who have joined the Church Triumphant, are remembered as the bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death: Bert Miller, Evelyn Carpenter, Leanne Lillich, Chuck Boomhower, Mike McGlaughlin, Bea Kriegel, Sue Piper, Heather Cramer, Dave Bredemeier, Darlene Adams, Jim Mustard, Gary Cron, Debra Claybaugh, David List, and Jackie Czer-nik.

Give us thankful hearts, O Lord, as we silently remember other saints you have brought into our lives... Just as they have guided us into lives of faith and service to you, may our lives reflect your light and draw others into lives of hope and trust in you.



When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

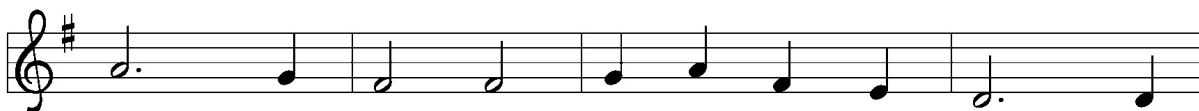
Hymn of Praise

For all the Saints (Vs. 1, 2)

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bless these saints who have been added to your earthly community at St. John by the waters of Baptism: Rowan Helmlinger, Taylor Boeckman, Delaney Etgen, Everett Miller, Harper Siebert, Lawsyn Henkle, Aubree Shellabarger, Berkley Roth, Makenzie Leiker, Crew Zizelman and Loxley Kinney.

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Hymn of Praise

For all the Saints (Vs. 6, 7)
(See previous page)

Prayer of the Day

God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse—even through our tears—the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega.

Amen

Children's Sermon

Kids' Praise

(10:45) At this time children age 3 - grade 4 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Octagon.



Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God 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 reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 24

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

²For the LORD has founded it up- on the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and puri-ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by ¹
what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

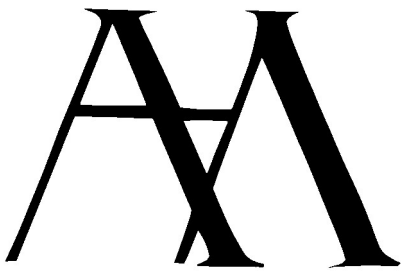
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting
doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

New Testament Revelation 21:1-6a

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 reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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



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



The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 11:32-44



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?”

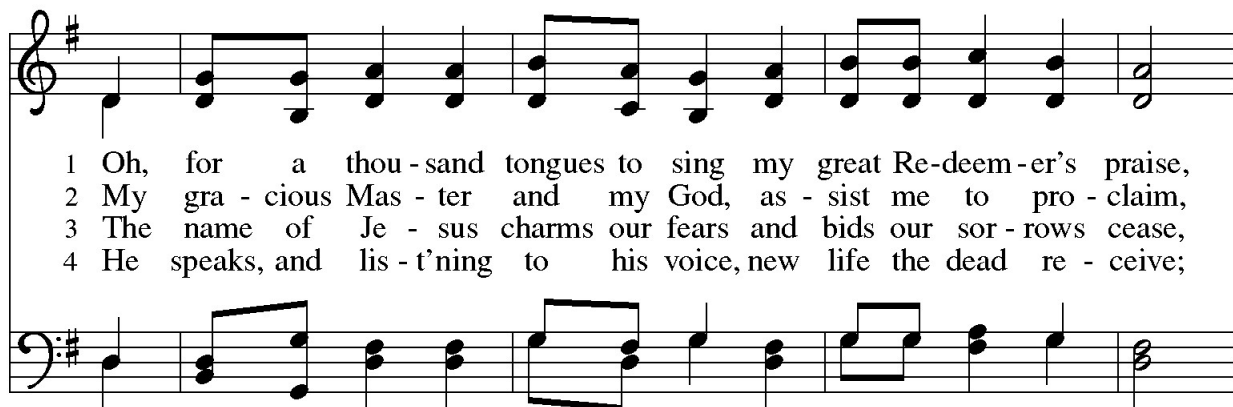
³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you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

Sermon

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



Nicene 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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence. Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

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Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.

Offering Prayer

God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, ever flowing fountain of love, over the waters of creation, you brought light from darkness. Out of the waters of the flood, you brought life from death. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you brought freedom from bondage. In the waters of baptism, you bring community from isolation. We thank you for creation, redemption, and for your love which will rule all in all.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Lord's Prayer

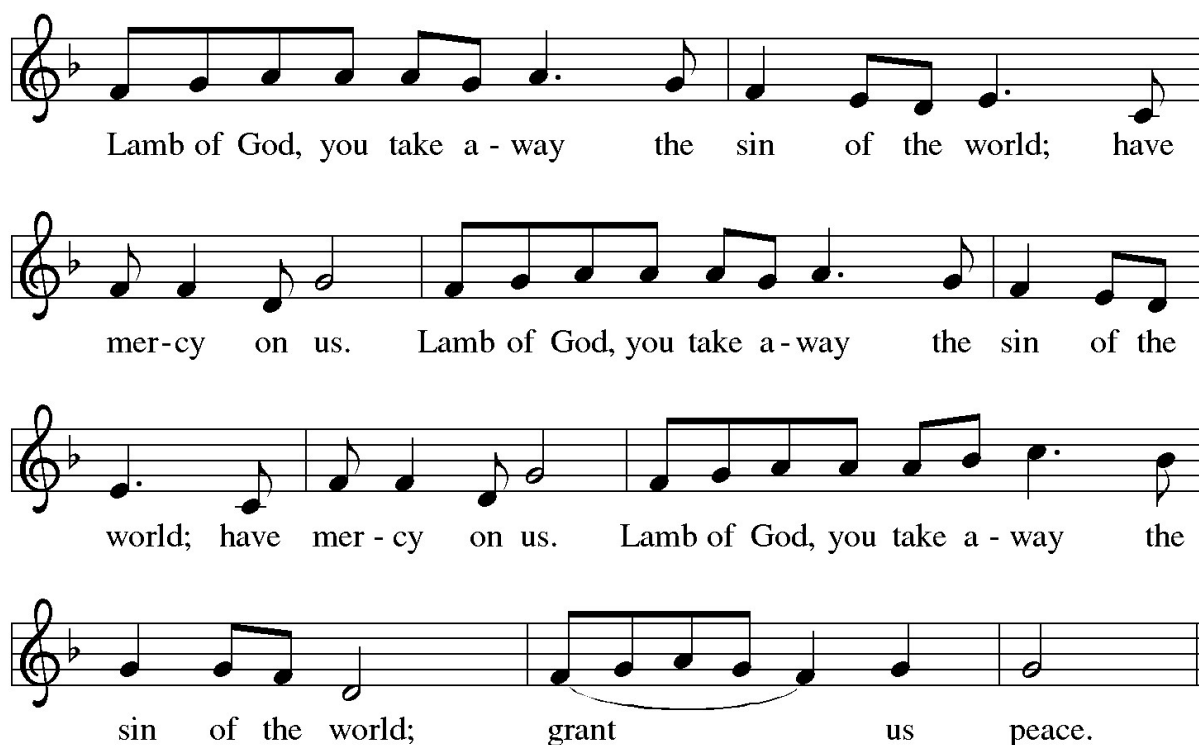
Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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



Distribution of Communion

Approach from the center aisle. Glasses with white grape juice are available for those who cannot receive wine. Deposit the glass in a basket and return by way of the side aisle.



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.

Communion Hymn

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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Communion Prayer

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



Benediction

May the Lord our God—
the Alpha and Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and the end—
be with you this day
and forevermore. **Alleluia!**
Amen.

Sending Hymn

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Dismissal

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

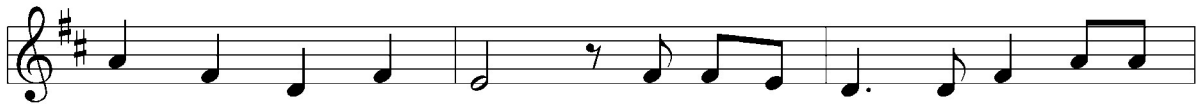
Postlude



Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS. African American spiritual

