

All Saints' Day



THE TIME **IN BETWEEN**

*Part 2 of 5
A Time to Focus on Future Glory*

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau

Salem-Lowell

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SEASON OF END TIME

The Church Year comes to a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the “last days” between Christ’s first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The world could end at any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.

THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A TIME TO FOCUS ON FUTURE GLORY

Childbearing is an excruciating process. Yet each day countless women, wanting a baby, willingly become pregnant. This shows that pain can be endured if we know it is temporary and that happier times come immediately after. Likewise, the time in between Christ’s first and second coming are going to be full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that this is temporary. Happier times are coming! That truth is made crystal clear on this All Saints’ Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us—all those who had faith in the Lamb of God: the heroes of faith in Scripture; our faithful Christian family members, now fallen asleep. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? We remember all the saints. We focus on the future glory that waits for us.

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus. We remember especially our St. John’s members who have gone to heaven in the past 12 months: Nelda Wyss, June Born, Robert Niemuth, Darwin "Pete" Bischoff, Harold Sack Sr., Yvonne Fischer, Robert Rist, Richard Jahnke, Milton Firari, Alice Kuerth, Delores Hundt, Henry Fehling, Jerald Schaalma, Gerald Yerges, Janet "Nancy" Dippong, and Crystal Przekurat.

May God open our hearts as we meditate on His Word and live with the joy of our reunion with all the saints in heaven.

All Saint's Day

November 2 & 5, 2023

Hymn 883

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Stand

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:13*

And also with you.

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them." *Revelation 14:13*

For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever -

Yes, for ever and ever! *Daniel 7:18*

Congregational Response 880: 1-2

“For All the Saints”

♪ For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord,
we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven.
Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment.
Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins,

and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregational Response 88o: 6-7

“For All the Saints”

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17 (EHV)

⁹ After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³ One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴ And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶ They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149B

“Sing the LORD’s Praise in the Assembly”

Refrain



Sing the LORD’s praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful / people.
Let Israel rejoice in their / Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad / in their King.
Let them praise his name with / dancing
and make music to him with tim- / brel and harp. *Refrain*

For the LORD takes delight in his / people;
he crowns the humble with / victory.
Let his faithful people rejoice in this / honor
and sing for joy / on their beds.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3 (EHV)

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ² Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³ Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Anthem

10:30 AM

Grades 5-8

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15 (NIV)

Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia!

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12 (EHV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 890

“Jerusalem the Golden”

Sermon

Revelation 7:9-17

The Time in Between: A Time to Focus On Future Glory

Stand

Confession of Faith

End Time Creed

Various passages of the Bible tell us what to expect when Jesus comes again.

God has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.

He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.

The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command,
with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

All the nations will be gathered before him.

There will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already

because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

The King will say to us, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance,
the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

Christ will transform our lowly bodies
so that they will be like his glorious body.

Then the wicked will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.
And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Our citizenship is in heaven.
And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we keep watch, because we do not know on what day our Lord will come.
We must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when we do not expect him.

Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

with commemoration for the faithfully departed

With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.
You are the rest of the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. We remember their names before you.

We remember Nelda Wyss, June Born, and Robert Niemuth.

I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. *John 11:25-26*

We remember Darwin "Pete" Bischoff and Harold Sack Sr..

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor." *Revelation 13:14*

We remember Yvonne Fischer and Robert Rist.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. *Colossians 3:1-2*

We remember Richard Jahnke and Milton Firari.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

Job 19:25-26

We remember Alice Kuerth and Delores Hundt.

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *1 Corinthians 15:20*

We remember Henry Fehling, Jerald Schaalma, and Gerald Yerges.

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come again and will take you to myself. *John 14:3*

We remember Janet "Nancy" Dippong and Crystal Przekurat.

Thanks be to God.

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

Heavenly Father, we recall with gratitude what you have done for us and for your Church through these saints. May their good works, which were prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth, encourage us to live for you. As we join our worship and work with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place.

Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.

Through your Word, remind us who have not yet reached heaven that we remain part of the saints militant. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we continue to wage war for you, as our Christian ancestors did—battling against our sinful flesh, winning souls for Christ, and combatting the deadly influence of Satan in this world.

Uphold your promise to use your Word and Sacraments to keep us in the faith so that, when our work on earth is done, we may join the saints triumphant.

Special prayers and petitions may follow

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.

Offering

Stand

Offering Hymn 884

“Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn 885

“There Is a Higher Throne”

Acknowledgments

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Organist: Dale Grulke / Matthew Lober

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Announcements:

Every Member Visits:

Every member is encouraged to sign up for a time to connect with Pastor Mount as a 30-minute, informal get-to-know you at the Juneau church office. Please sign up using the QR code or on our app or website. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 920-386-3313.



Church Car for Sale:

St. John's is selling the old church car! For details and pictures, see the flyer in the narthex and submit your sealed bid before Nov. 22nd. For questions or to test drive, contact Tim Weisensel: 920-382-4782.

Blood Drive:

St. John's- Juneau is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 14th from 1-6 p.m. Please sign-up at www.redcrossblood.org if you would like to donate blood. There are also sign-ups for volunteers and food donations. For questions, call Cynthia Ninmann at 920-210-1134 after 6:00 p.m.



Luther Preparatory School Fall Concert:

Sunday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 PM, LPS will present its Fall instrumental concert entitled "Around the World". Check out the flyer in the narthex for more details!

Favorite Christmas Carol:

St. John’s will have a special advent service comprised of the favorite christmas carols of our members. Sign up in the narthex or call (920-386-3313) to let us know your favorite carol by Nov. 20th.

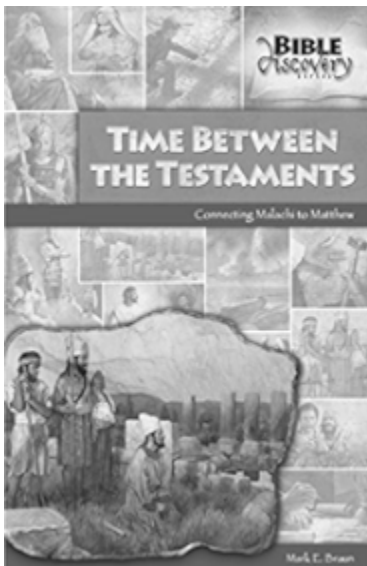
School Thanksgiving dinner:

Our school’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 11:30 AM. in the church basement. The meal is an opportunity for parents, grandparents or extended family to have a Thanksgiving meal with their St. John’s student. Church members are also welcome to attend. If you would like to attend the dinner, please contact Mrs. Leissing in the school office at 920-386-4644 or email her at school@stjohnsjuneau.org. The cost is \$3.50 for each adult and \$2.75 for ages 6-14. Kindergarten and under are free. The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 13th. Donations of apple or pumpkin desserts are also needed. If you have any questions or would like to donate a dessert, please contact Mrs. Leissing.



New Tuesday Bible Class:

Starting Nov. 14th, Pastor Mount will be leading a new study based on the book “Time Between the Testaments: Connecting Malachi to Matthew” by Mark E. Braun. Class is held every 2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM at the Juneau campus. Purchasing the book is encouraged, but not necessary to participate! See the flyer in the narthex for more details!



Thank you to all who hosted a trunk, donated candy, or attended our Trunk or Treat event last week!

Save the Date

Church Decorating

Lowell: Nov. 26th after the service
Juneau: Dec. 2nd at 9:00 AM

Advent by Candlelight

Dec. 3rd at 6:00 PM, Juneau Campus.

WELS Wind Ensemble

Dec. 10th at 3 PM in Fall River

Joint Advent Service

Dec. 6th at 6:30 PM, Juneau Campus

Please see flyers and watch announcements for
more information on each event!

Volunteers (11/2-11/5)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Tim, Jill, and Maddy Weisensel
8:00 AM Becky Zimmerman, Deb Wolter and Char Lober
10:30 AM Ruth Ockerlander & Family, Hailey, Bella, Caleb

Ushers:

6:30 PM Neil Foch, Paul Schmidt
8:00 AM Rick Bassette, Ralph Kaul, Dennis Affeld, Sean Affeld
9:30 AM Don Gibson, Dan Becker
10:30 AM Tom Selchert, Marty Weinheimer, Mark Ockerlander,
Logan Ockerlander, Mason Ockerlander

Lawn Mowers: (Week of November 6th)

Juneau Team 4 Dave Fude Family
Lowell Team 3 Darris and Jill Wasmund

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (11/5)- DST Ends!

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL

Bible Class 9:30 AM – J

Sunday School 8:30 AM- SL

Sunday School 9:15 AM- J

Monday (11/6)

Readings Bible Study 6:30 PM- J

Board of Ed. 6:30 PM- School

Tuesday (11/7)

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM- C

Wednesday (11/8)

Confirmation 5:00 PM- J

Elders 6:00 PM- J

Trustees 6:00 PM- J

Adult Choir 7:00 PM- J

Thursday (11/9)

Worship 6:30 PM- J

Saturday (11/11)

Worship 5:00 PM- H

Sunday (11/12)

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM- J

Worship 9:30 AM – SL

Bible Class 8:15 AM – SL

Bible Class 9:30 AM – J

Sunday School 8:30 AM- SL

Sunday School 9:15 AM- J

Statistics

Offerings given to our Lord

| | <u>10/19-10/22</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|
| General | \$ 12,444.62 |
| Debt | \$ 120.00 |
| Improvement | \$ 59.00 |
| Lakeside | \$ 89.90 |
| Missions | \$ 289.90 |
| Total | \$ 13,003.42 |

Attendance

Weekend of Oct. 22nd 333 (43,29,115,67,79)

At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$20,246 (includes General, Lakeside and Missions) needed every week. Since the beginning of 2022, our congregation has gone from zero debt to drawing a total of \$148,472.64 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

Welcome to St. John's

WELCOME

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today! St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership at any of our campuses. Please join us again soon!

PERSONAL PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Amen.

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Worship Services

Thursday

6:30 PM Juneau

Saturday

5:00 PM Horicon

Sunday

8:00 AM Juneau

9:30 AM Lowell

10:30 AM Juneau

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus

9:30 AM

Salem-Lowell Campus

8:15 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus

6:30 PM

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