

All Saints' Day

WE FEEBLY STRUGGLE;
THEY IN GLORY SHINE

SEASON OF END TIME

The Church Year comes 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.

YOU HAVE AN EVERLASTING FAMILY

Death is ugly. It does not matter if someone dies after a long, protracted fight with some illness or if they die peacefully in their sleep. Either way, the body goes into the ground and begins to decay. Either way, that person is gone, and their absence is constantly noticed.

Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ’s family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, one where the deceased has triumphed over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not “lost.” Something is lost when: a) you don’t know where it is, and therefore b) you will not see it again. We know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

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: **Delmer Hundt, Shirley Krause, Doris Leistico, Joanne Miller, Carol Muenchow, Jeffrey Niehoff, Mike Powell, Marion Rupnow, Gerald Schlafer, Erica Thiel, Palmer Tietz, Jeanmarie Wagner, and Beverly Weinheimer.**

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.

885 There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885

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 880: 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.

Be seated

First Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ² And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, “Look! God’s dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God.” ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away.” ⁵ The one who was seated on the throne said to me, “Look, I am making everything new!” He also said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶

And he said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

149B Sing the LORD's Praise in the Assembly

Psalm 149B

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

Hebrews 11:32–40

And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets.³³ By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee.³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection.³⁶ Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment.³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated.³⁸ The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.³⁹ All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised,⁴⁰ because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

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

Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

Jesus lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh.²² Blessed are you whenever people hate you, and whenever they exclude and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

Revelation 21:1–6

Jesus Makes Everything New*Stand***Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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 Delmer Hundt and Shirley Krause.

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 Doris Leistico and Joanne Miller.

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 Carol Muenchow and Jeffrey Niehoff.

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 Mike Powell and Marion Rupnow.

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 Gerald Schlafer and Erica Thiel.

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20

We remember Palmer Tietz and Jeanmarie Wagner.

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 Beverly Weinheimer.

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 / Builders for Christ Video

Stand

Offering Hymn

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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.

884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

Acknowledgments

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Join us next week for The Last Day

THE LAST DAY

Certain days mean different things to different people. Next June 10th might mean nothing to you . . . or . . . it might be the day you get married. Mother's Day can be a day of great joy to the woman with three children, all of whom profess their love and appreciation on that day. That same day can be extremely painful for the woman who has never been able to have children. Certain days mean different things to different people. That will be most true on the Last Day. On his calendar, God has written in ink the day when Jesus will return to "judge the living and the dead" (Apostles' Creed). In the final weeks of the church year, it is natural for us to think about that Last Day and what it means. The Last Day will mean very different things to different people.

Free-Will Offering – Beloit Our Western Wisconsin District Mission Board is raising funds for a new mission, Little Lambs Childcare Center in Beloit, a community in dire need of childcare. (Please see the November Welcome for more information.) They are asking churches throughout our district to participate in helping this young ministry. Therefore, St. John's will have a special Free-Will Offering this weekend and the following weekend, November 6 & 13.

Thank you! I thank my God every time I remember you. Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. (Php 1:3–5)

As the Apostle Paul expressed his appreciation and thanks to the believers in Philippi, we would like to thank you for the outpouring of gifts and encouragement we have received over the past month. So many of you took time to write cards, give gifts, or offer a special word of encouragement. It is greatly appreciated, especially because we know it reflects the encouragement and support you give us all year long. Thank you!

The pastoral staff of St. John's



Salem-Lowell Altar Guild The Salem-Lowell Altar Guild will meet after the 9:30 service this Sunday, Nov. 6. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be discussed.

Thanksgiving Cards Our St. John's Ladies Aid is again selling Thanksgiving Cards. If you are interested in purchasing a box or more, please see the cards in the Juneau church basement. Please deposit cash or check (payable to St. John's Ladies Aid) into the box. Also, Christmas cards will be available at the end of November. Thank you!

Church Cemetery help needed St. John's Cemetery needs a volunteer (sexton) to help facilitate our Church Cemetery. This person would help oversee the care of the cemetery and also the purchases and markings of burial plots. This sexton would work as a team with the Trustees and the Church Secretary in facilitating these duties. Please contact Scott Bilgrien for more information at 920-362-0199 or Dave Fude 920-210-1224.

Smoker Grill Off / New Member Welcome

St. John's will host a Smoker Grill Off on Sunday, November 13th at our Juneau Campus at Noon. Please signup now if you'd like to showcase your home smoked meat. This event will be combined with our New Member Welcome. If you are new to St. John's since 2020, please join us! All St. John's members are invited to attend!



Pastor Call On Sunday, October 30th, St. John's called an Associate Pastor, Joseph Lindloff, from Hope Lutheran Church in Irmo, South Carolina. Please keep Pastor Lindloff, his wife Julie, and their 3 young children in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve our Savior.

Beaver Dam OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) Area seniors are invited to St. Stephen's of Beaver Dam on Tuesday, November 8th. We will have a potluck meal in the church basement at noon. After a devotion, Naomi Plocher will speak to us as Katie Luther, (Martin's better half). She will take us back in time and talk about this heroine who deserves attention. St. Stephen's is located on the corner of West Street and Maple Street and is handicapped accessible from Maple Street. All seniors are welcome!

Volunteers (11/3-11/6)

Greeters:

6:30 PM Tim, Jill, and Maddy Weisensel
 8:00 AM Becky Zimmerman and Deb Wolter
 10:30 AM Dan and Phyllis Wegener

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

Lawn Mowing: (Week of 11/7)

Juneau - Team 4

Dave Fude Family

Salem-Lowell - Team 1

Darris and Jill Wasmund

Statistics 10/20-10-23

Offerings given to our Lord

General	\$16,280.05
Debt	\$100.00
Improvement	\$116.00
Lakeside	\$45.00
Missions	\$806.90
Total	\$17,347.95

Attendance

390 (37, 39, 150, 80, 84)

At our Voter's Meeting, our congregation approved a weekly budget with an average total of \$19,490 (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 \$106,450 from the line of credit. Please continue to support St. John's through your time, talents, treasures, and prayers. Thank you!

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (11/6)

Worship	8:00 & 10:30 AM – J
Worship	9:30 AM – SL
Bible Class	8:15 AM – SL, 9:30 AM – J
Sunday School	8:30 AM – SL, 9:15 AM – J
Salem-Lowell Altar Guild	10:30 AM – SL
Elders	6:30 PM - J

Monday (11/7)

Readings Bible Class	6:30 PM – J
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Tuesday (11/8)

Old Testament	6:30 PM – J
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Wednesday (11/9)

Confirmation	5:00 PM – J
Church Council	6:30 PM - J
Adult Choir	7:00 PM – J

Thursday (11/10)

Worship	6:30 PM – J
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Saturday (11/12)

Worship	5:00 PM – H
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Sunday (11/13)

Worship	8:00 & 10:30 AM – J
Worship	9:30 AM – SL
Bible Class	8:15 AM – SL, 9:30 AM – J
Sunday School	8:30 AM – SL, 9:15 AM – J
New Member/Smoker Grill Off	12:00 PM - J

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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Ryan Kummerow	608-345-1900
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Worship Services

(same service at all locations)

Thursday

6:30pm Juneau

Saturday

5:00pm Horicon

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30 Juneau

9:30am Lowell

Bible Classes

Sunday

Juneau Campus
9:30-10:15

Salem-Lowell Campus
8:15-9:00 AM

Monday

Juneau Campus
6:30 PM

Tuesday (2nd, 4th, 5th)

Juneau Campus
6:30 PM

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