



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the Trinity Saints that entered the Church Triumphant this year by Roy and Kay Cook.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Cantor	Mim Vander-Linden
Lector	Jerry Salley
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Crucifer	Lexi Thomas-Harewood
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell
Praying for Possibilities	Tara Miller
Greeters	Mark Allen Lani Ludian Linda Morgan John Roberts Maria Roberts
Ushers	Steve Boguski Richard Delap Calvin Harmon Teresa Harrington
Fellowship Hosts	Nell Orscheln and Lindsay Hawkins
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonata for Flute in B Minor: MVT 1 Andante
Jo Lewis, flute

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

**For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.**

**For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.**

**They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.**

**For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**

**To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.**

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. 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.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “O venerable one, you are the one that knows.” Then the elder said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, in whose temple they worship day and night and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Refrain

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for
those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

Psalm Tone

¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice. R**

³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles. R**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life ¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ¹ not be punished. R

A reading from first John.

¹See what love that God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. ²Beloved, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. ³All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure.

The Word of God for the people of God.

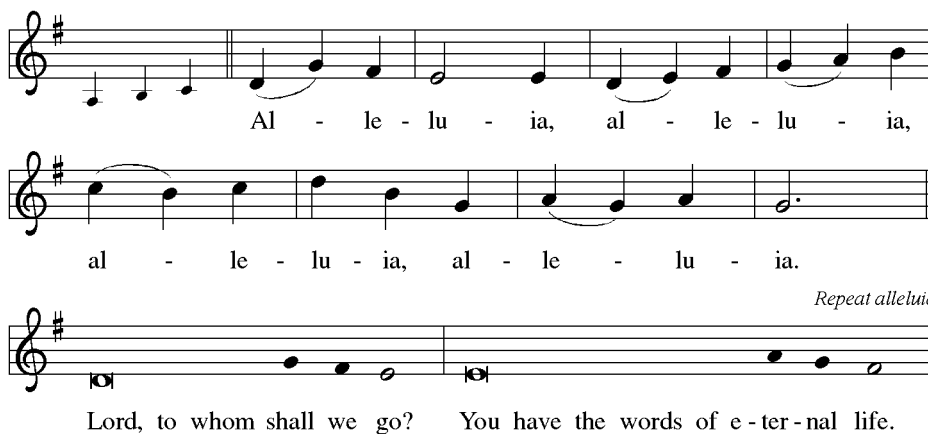
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Not Some Saints, but All Saints

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

A Heavenly Cheering Section

Please stand as able

(verses 1-5)

**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!

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

RITE OF REMEMBRANCE

Congregation sings Jesus, Remember Me.

Cantor will continue to sing Jesus, Remember Me during the entire Rite of Remembrance.

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

Je-sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je-sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Bob Coon who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Emile Labrousse who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Bud Moseley who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Ralph Moyer who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Talmadge Holmes who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Suzy Hybl who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Caroline Massey who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Kathy Neubauer who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Debbie Jo Forbes who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Jesus remember us and remember your servant Cathy Wyatt who worked tirelessly and faithfully to see your kingdom unfold.

Congregation sings Jesus, Remember Me.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence; guide us in our efforts as co-workers and advocates of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the changing landscapes of the cycle of seasons. Bless the hands who dutifully rake leaves and clean gutters. Protect unhoused humans and pets who seek refuge from colder temperatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Stir within us a desire to participate in the local elections which often go unnoticed, yet elect people who make decisions about our daily lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy lover, as we remember today the lives of saints who have shaped our lives and this congregation, we also acknowledge that around our country and world, innocent people continue to be killed out of hatred and war. Protect those with marginalized and often scorned identities, especially the queer and trans community, that they may live in safety and without fear for their lives. Bring peace to war torn areas, especially Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine. Guide this sinful world toward peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral and care ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Today, this congregation especially remembers those who have gone on to be with you this year: Bob, Emile, Bud, Ralph, Talmadge, Suzy, Caroline, Kathy, Debbie Jo, and Cathy. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

Lux Aeterna
by Paul Leavitt
Mim Vander-Linden, soloist

Adult Choir

Translation of the Latin Text: *May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord: with you saints forever; because you are gracious. Grant them everlasting rest, and may perpetual light shine on them. Amen*

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon
(verses 1-3)

#439

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

God of all goodness,
**generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

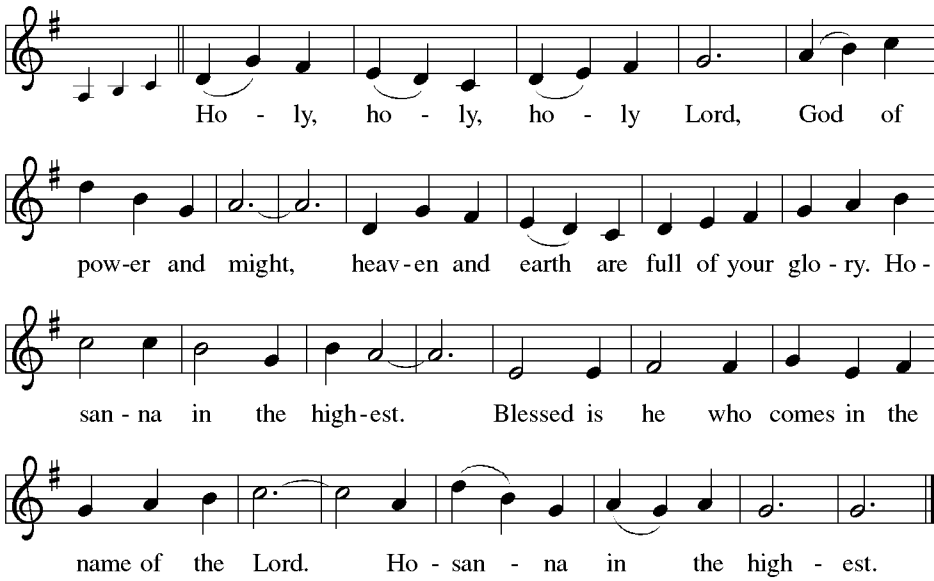
We lift them to the Lord.

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 the 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 the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine. Gluten free wafers are available.

Worshippers will come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a wafer and dip it in the wine to receive communion by Intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Kathryn Johnson
Jo Lewis, flute

Handbell Choir

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From Heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Rejoice in God's Saints

#418

**Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own:
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die how forcefully they speak— the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight: who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land, and steer on toward the light, a beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone: they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true, for God's concerns they own— God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today: though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

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

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
for refreshments and fellowship .*

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