

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 2, 2025

10:30 AM

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, [Refrain]

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song, [Refrain]

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One, [Refrain]

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.

KYRIE & GLORIA

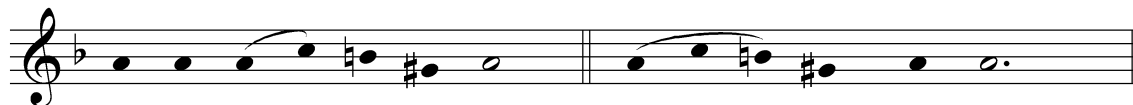


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion,

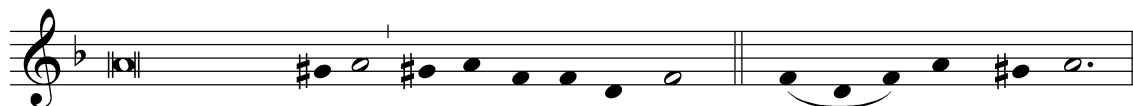


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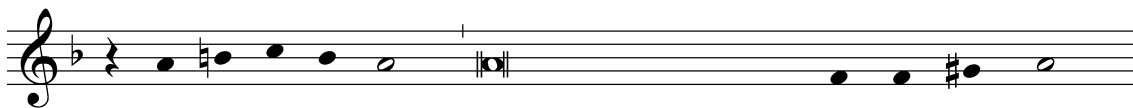


For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei-son.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

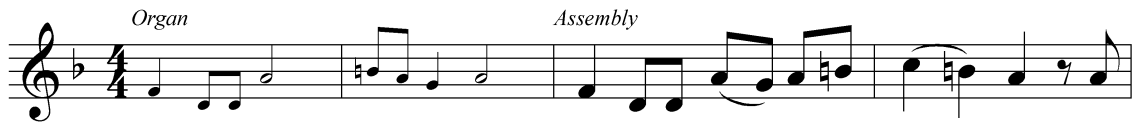


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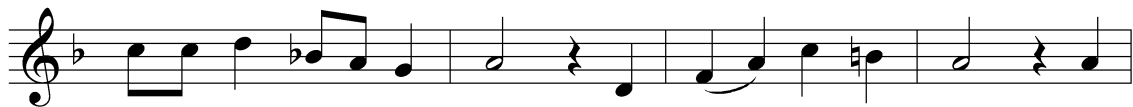
Help, save, comfort and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - - men.



Organ

Assembly

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and



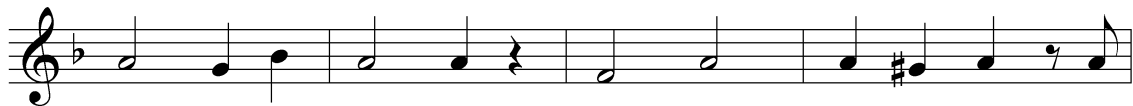
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fath - er, 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. 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 Fath - er. A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion through 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.

REMEMBERING

HONORING AND REMEMBERING

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church who have died since last All Saints' Sunday.

CAROL ALBRECHT
YVONNE OELLRICH
DON SPITZER

LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

For All the Saints

*During the lighting of candles, we sing "For All the Saints."
Come forward to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend.
Children are encouraged to participate.*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in their well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 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!

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

7 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!

8 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!

WORD

We sit.

GRADUAL PSALM *Sung by the choir. Music by Sarah MacDonald (contemporary)*

PSALM 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THEN Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated
the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated
the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who
hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone
strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your
coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if
anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you
would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Behold the host

HYMN 425

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

We kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We sit.

GREETINGS

MEAL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN

DARWALL'S 148

1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

HYMN 188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Organ *Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us
for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become
subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human
nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the
God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself,
in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole
world.

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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor And glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther who art in__ hea - ven, Ha - llow'd be thy Name;

Thy king-dom come; thy will be__ done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.

Give us this day our__ dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as

we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst__ us. And lead us

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the

king-dom, the po - wer and the glo - ry, for e - ver and e - ver.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sins, and promising eternal life, are welcome at the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD

Organ *Assembly*

1, 2 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us.
3 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world, grant us peace.

We sit.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

Nancy Wertsch (*Contemporary*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, now let - test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace:

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble, and the bass line provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

ac - cord - ing to thy word; For mine eyes have

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

seen thy sal - va - tion: which thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

face of all peo - ple; A light to light - en the

The fourth system concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gen - tles: and the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and

ev - - - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

We stand.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

HYMN 418

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.



CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Holy Feast Eucharist, Larry Long
Lord's Prayer, Traditional Afrikaans, arr. Marnus Lively-Greyling

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant	The Rev'd Nick Sollom
Preacher	The Rev'd Mark Lingle
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Peter Bartels
Reader	Melissa Bartels
Communion Assistant	Kathy Caraballo, Lois Coffin
Acolytes	
Usher	
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett and Cathy Mahler
Counters	Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Shirley Schulz, Michele Taylor
Little Free Pantry	Peter Coffin
Coffee Hour	Steve Eno & Irene Hendricks

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5

12:00 noon - Midweek Eucharist - Chapel
4:30 pm - Confirmation Class - Sweden Room
6:00 pm - Bells | 7:00 Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 9

8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School

Wednesday, November 12

12:00 noon - Midweek Eucharist - Chapel
4:30 pm - Confirmation Class - Sweden Room
6:00 pm - Bells | 7:00 pm Choir

MISSION STATEMENT

All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church Stamford CT is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee Lenape, Schaghticoke, Mohican, and Wappinger peoples. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial and wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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