

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The celebration of All Saints' has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint – a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus.

Today, by reading their names and by ringing a bell and lighting a candle for each, we remember those of our congregation who have died since last All Saints' Sunday. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them. This will proceed spontaneously and at will; there will be no ushers directing you.

Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the saints, past and present, endure forever in God's grace!

PRELUDE

*Pie Jesu from Requiem*  
MARY MCCUE, SOPRANO

DURUFLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

REMEMBERING

\* DECLARATION OF COMFORT AND HOPE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**Thanks be to God!**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**\* 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]

**HONORING AND REMEMBERING**

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

**Veronica Olsen  
Liisa Hibbard  
Grace DiBari**

**LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE**

*For All the Saints*

*During the lighting of candles, we sing "For All the Saints."*

*Come forward at any time 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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## WORD

### \* GOSPEL

LUKE 6:20-31

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

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

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

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

<sup>25</sup>“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.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR DUANE PEDERSON

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Behold a host*



1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad  
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in  
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -  
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they  
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who  
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through  
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He  
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -  
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -  
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their  
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they  
fears. For now they have the best at last; they  
seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O



sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when  
keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our  
saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let



they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.  
heav'n re - jice in our re - deem - er's song!

#### \*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.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**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.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.  
Amen.**



\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

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

**O**UR Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*All baptized who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

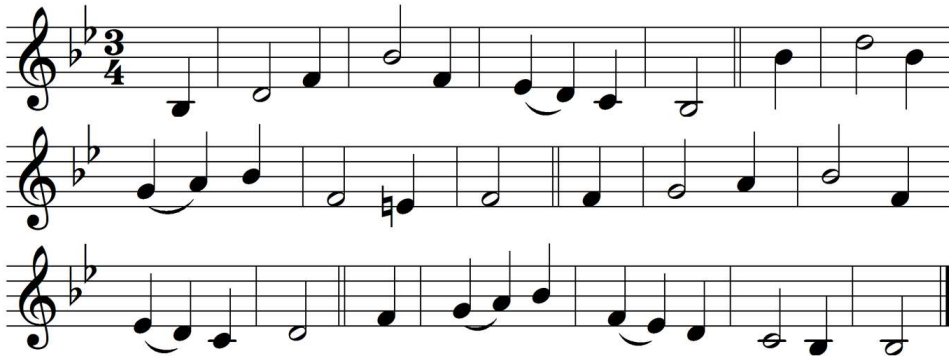
**LAMB OF GOD**

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. A - men.

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

*Lo, round the throne*



1. Lo, round the throne, a glorious band,  
the saints in countless myriads stand,  
of every tongue redeemed to God,  
arrayed in garments washed in blood.

2. Through tribulation great they came;  
they bore the cross, despised the shame;  
from all their labors now they rest,  
in God's eternal glory blest.

3. They see their Savior face to face,  
and sing the triumphs of his grace;  
him day and night they ceaseless praise,  
to him the loud thanksgiving raise:

4. 'Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,  
through endless years to live and reign;  
thou hast redeemed us by thy blood,  
and made us kings and priests to God.'

5. O may we tread the sacred road  
that saints and holy martyrs trod;  
wage to the end the glorious strife,  
and win, like them, a crown of life.

## SENDING

### \* POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

### \* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

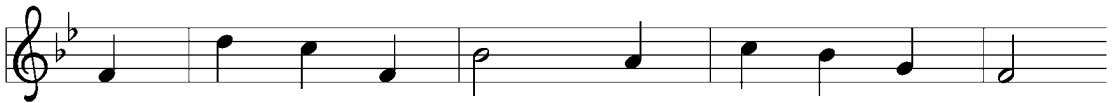
**Amen.**

### \* HYMN

*Rejoice in God's Saints*



1 Re - joyce in God's saints to - day and all days!  
2 Some march with e - vents to - turn them God's way;  
3 Re - joyce in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
4 Re - joyce in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:  
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is risen!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

TOCCATA ON *SINE NOMINE*

DURUFLE

**Coffee/Fellowship Time**

Our thanks to *Janet & Ken Segerdell* for hosting the fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room. Come and enjoy the refreshments and one another's company.

**Worship Leaders Today**

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Duane C. Pederson
Organist	Nathan K. Lively
Worship Assistant	Kathy Caraballo
Acolytes	Gus Leffers, Isaac Ylitalo
Communion Assistants	Vincent Bell, Jennifer Leffers
Usher	Roberta Eichler, Charlene Pederson
Counters	Diane Egley, Cheryl & Joe Milukas, Astrid Olson, Michele Taylor
Altar Committee	Pam Bartlett, Cathy Mahler
Little Free Pantry	Cathy Mahler

## Memorials

*Below are the memorials received in the church office by Sunday, October 31. Subsequent gifts received will be acknowledged in future printed announcements. If you wish to provide a gift in memory of a loved one or friend, use a green extra-mile envelope in your pen, check "Other" and indicate "memorial," and carefully print the name of the person you are remembering with your gift. Thank you!*

Clyde Pederson by Duane & Charlene Pederson  
Anne Voyt Budner & Mike Zboray by Andrea Budner  
Anna M. Swenson by Gary Swenson  
Spiro Lambros & Gail Brandt by Karen, Sue, & Emily Brandt  
Segerdell & Williams Families, Irene Koczeniak, Bob Meyer, Bruce Koch  
By Ken & Janet Segerdell  
Doris & John Hendricks by Irene Hendricks & Steve Eno  
Sam Van Houten, Wayne Roelke by Jody Van Houton  
Bob Meyer by Marietta Meyer  
Caryn & Trudy Diller by Nick Melia  
James Maitland by Mary Sullivan  
Bonnie Halpin by Janet Halpin  
Roberta Meyer by Ronald Meyer  
William Bocuzzo by Eleanor Bocuzzo  
John & Ruth Murphy, John H. Geils by Pat & J. Geils  
Art Ruffels by Inger Ruffels  
Dad & Opa Manfred Barke by Karen Weinseiss & Family  
Diana Tscherne & William O'Connor by The O'Connor Family  
Ruth Johnson, Veronica Olsen by Diane Egley  
Her Parents, Sister, and Husband Bill Egley by Diane Egley  
Michele Wolfer by Tim Brumbaugh  
John Vikstrom by Liisa Vikstrom  
Nathan Newhall by Amy Newhall  
Bruce Koch by Sheila Koch  
Charles Fisher by his loving family  
Barbara Spitzer by Don Spitzer  
Frank Regina by Regina & Philip Allopenna  
Anthony Sassone by Regina & Philip Allopenna  
Philip Allopenna, Sr. by Regina & Philip Allopenna  
Friends & Family by the Milukas Family

## Little Free Pantry - Immediate

The LFP is in need of non-food items whenever it is convenient for you to donate to the church. Or, order online and ship them to church. Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, body wash, feminine products, toothpaste, brushes and dental floss. Toilet paper, diapers, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels toilet paper.

To volunteer, contact Janet Segerdell - [janet.segerdell@gmail.com](mailto:janet.segerdell@gmail.com).

## Thanksgiving Baskets

We are partnering with Family Centers again this year to make Thanksgiving special for a needy family. Instead of purchasing food, Family Centers will provide families with grocery gift cards at Shop Rite. Thus, we will receive cash donations – cash or checks (payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church) should be carefully designated for “Thanksgiving Baskets”; if you contribute online, please designate the same. **Donations are due November 20**. Questions can be directed to Louise Clemmenson at 203-912-4383 or via email at [louisclemm@hotmail.com](mailto:louisclemm@hotmail.com).

## Looking Ahead in the Church Calendar

### November

**November 6** 5:00 pm All Saints' Sunday Evensong

**November 13** 9:30 am Stewardship Sunday Single Worship Service



10:30 am Come to the Youth Pancake Breakfast, following the worship service and enjoy a breakfast served by the teens of St. John’s. This is a fundraiser for the youth program, so while there is no “ticket price,” you are encouraged to give a generous free-will offering.

**November 17** 11:30 am OWLS & Friends  
Thanksgiving Luncheon  
**November 20** 10:30 am New Members Received  
**November 27** 4:00 pm Decorate Sanctuary  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Advent Night Activities

## **December**

**December 4** Lucia procession following 10:30 am service  
**December 4** Handel's Messiah Sing-Along 5:00 pm  
**December 24** Christmas Eve Worship

- 5:00 pm - Family Oriented
- 8:30 pm – Traditional Candlelight

**December 25** Single 9:30 am Worship