

# ST. JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**All Saints Sunday**  
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024



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A Reconciling in  
Christ Congregation

# GATHERING

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## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has  
freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Eternal One**, robed in majesty and mercy,  
we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.  
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind  
us and set us free.  
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.  
Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn | ELW 422

## For All the Saints



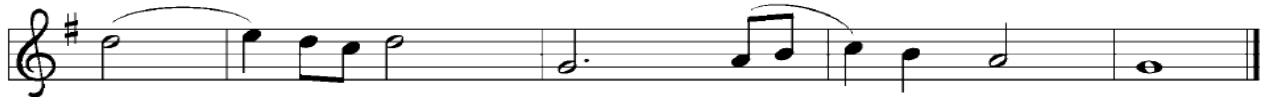
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3–5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are  
servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
strong.  
blest.

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## 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

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

## † Prayer of the Day

Let us pray -

Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# WORD

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## First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:1-8 (Refrain 2)

Mark Mummert



Hap-py are they who seek the LORD with all their hearts.

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

# Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY | ELW 423

### Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

#### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## **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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ,  
let us pray for the church,  
the world, and the whole creation.

**God of grace Hear our prayer.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those from our congregation  
who have died this past  
year, and whose memory we hold dear.

**Jeff Boyd  
Bee Buckel  
Gina Busler  
Joan Busler  
Terry De Jong  
Jim DeWeese  
Teddy DeWeese  
Wayne "Rorik" Dionne  
Harold H. Heeren  
Connie Hutchinson  
Joanne Marchese  
Linda McElroy Thomas  
Brian Miller  
Christine Moyer  
Alice Rawley  
Ron Reaves  
Edward L. Rowden, Jr.  
Sandy Snyder**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting  
in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**



## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Ways to Give**

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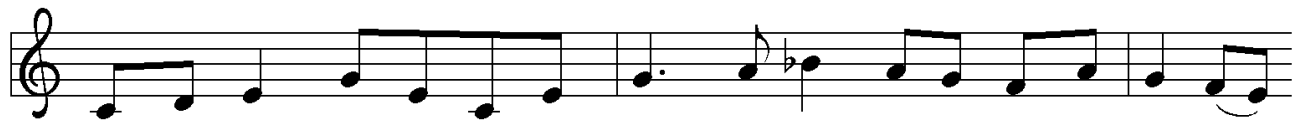
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### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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# † Offering Prayer

Let us Pray—

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.  
Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the  
stranger,  
trusting in your name.

**Amen.**

## Dialogue

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.

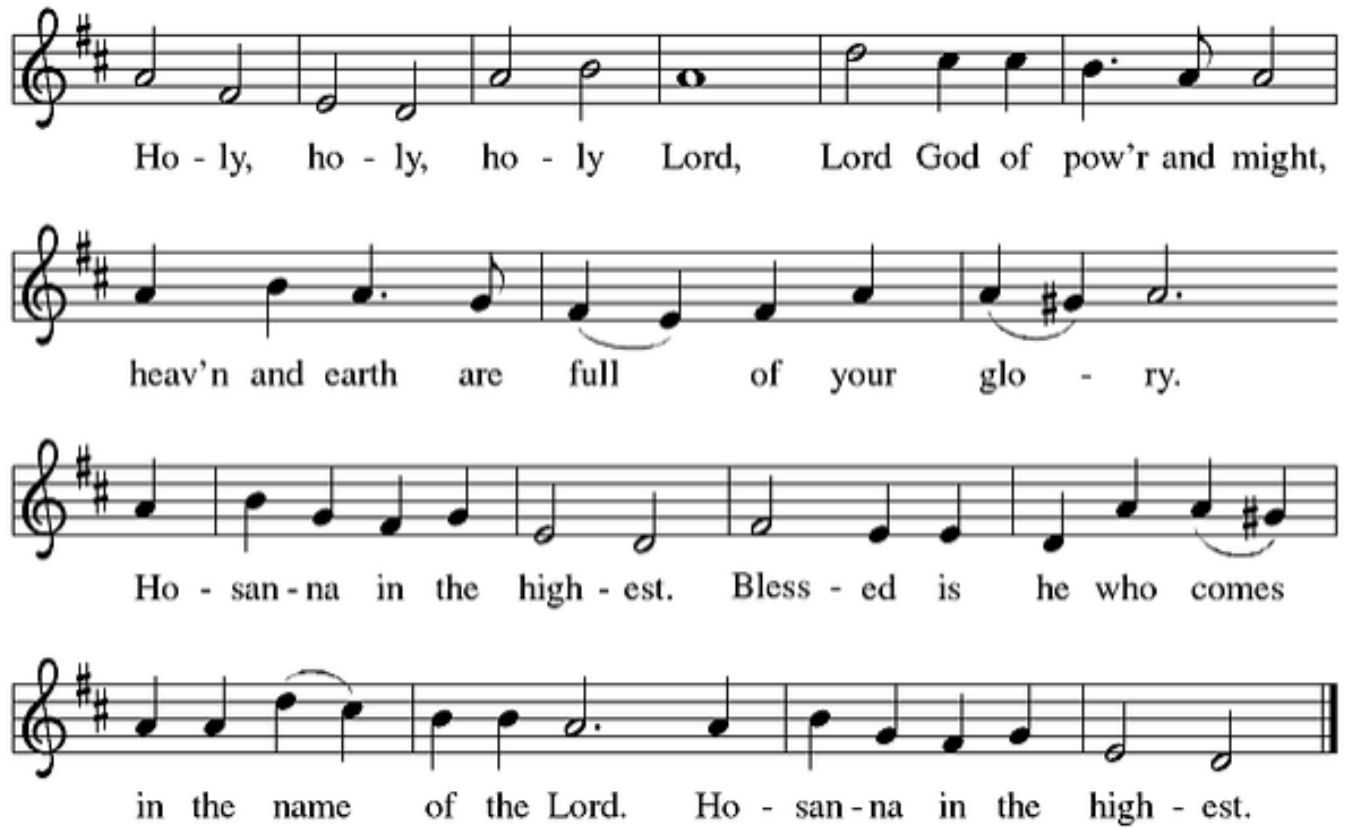
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# Preface

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;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

# Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.

**Amen.**

## **† The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your 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, grant us peace.

## Communion Musical Offering

The Choir



## † Prayer after Communion

Let us pray—

Faithful God,  
you have spread before us  
a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have  
made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
‡ bless you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song | ELW 631

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**