

First St. John Lutheran Church

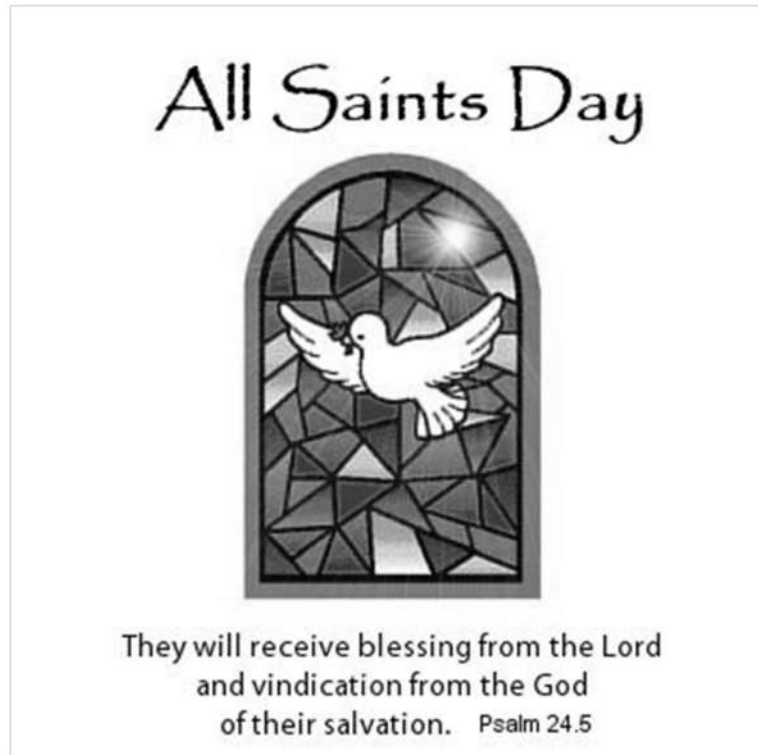
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Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community
November 3, 2024 - 10:30 am

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All Saints Sunday

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! We offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism (starting soon). Our regular Sunday schedule is:

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| 8:00 am | Early Worship |
| 9:15 am | JAM Sunday School |
| 9:15 am | Adult Sunday School |
| 10:30 am | Late Worship |
| 2:00 pm | Chapel Communion |

(2nd Sunday of the month)

LIVESTREAM AND RECORDED WORSHIP: We livestream the service on our church website at www.firststjohn.com. Also, the service will be recorded and published to the website

SMILE! YOU'RE ON CAMERA: Please remember you may be on camera during the livestream and the recording of the service.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please remember to silence your cell phone before church begins. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM JAM Sunday School (church basement) and Adult Sunday School (lounge) meet each Sunday at 9:15 am. First year catechism will start soon! If you have a child in 6-7th grade interested please let Pastor Rayl know.

NURSERY is in the church basement and is currently unstaffed; you are welcome to sit with your child. A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church. We are currently looking to re-start a nursery in the next month or so with workers to accommodate those who have small children. Stay tuned!

RESTROOMS are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take either set of steps to the basement hallway. The ladies room is at one end, and the men's room is at the other. A chair lift is available to those who need assistance with the stairs.

FLOWERS: If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a book in the lounge. Or, you can call the church office during the week to check on availability.

MEMORIALS: If you wish to give a memorial in honor or memory of a loved one, you may mail it in or pick up a memorial card in the church office.

ORDER OF WORSHIP - 10:30 am

Prelude Dr. Anthony Pattin

Ringing of the Bell
(Please Stand)

Opening Hymn "For All the Saints" (vs. 1,2,6 & 7) No. 422

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: 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.

C: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace of the Lord.

The congregation may greet one another by shaking hands, fist bumping, or any other form of greeting with the words, "Peace be with you."

We conclude the sharing of the peace by singing:

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" No. 857

***"Lord I lift your name on high;
Lord I love to sing your praises,
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.***

***You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high."***

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Announcements

Introduction

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 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 I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

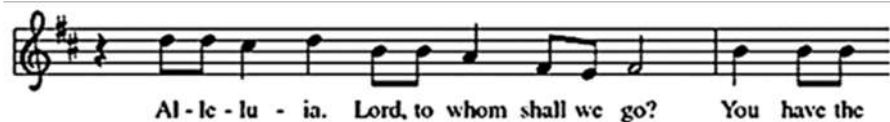
⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Reader: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

P: The Gospel according to St. John, chapter 11.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Gospel Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Rayl

Sermon Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 654

(Please stand)

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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.

(Please be seated)

The Offering

Offertory Music

Dr. Anthony Pattin

Offering Prayer

P: Our generous heavenly Father, all good gifts come from you and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need, through our resurrected and living Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer *(Each petition concludes with this response)*

P: Hear us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Litany for All Saints Sunday

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,

C: we glorify you.

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

C: we praise you.

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

C: we worship you.

P: To you, O blessed Trinity (+) be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Praise be to Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Reading of the names of the departed:

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| Eleanor Cochenour | 06/15/1931 - 12/21/2023 |
| Carolyn J. Schwierking | 07/04/1929 - 12/22/2023 |
| Arvina P. Hager | 07/18/1940 - 03/16/2024 |
| Gregory A. Contat | 11/20/1961 - 03/29/2024 |
| Phyllis A. Sabin | 04/07/1930 - 04/14/2024 |
| Henry K. Schumaker | 01/22/1933 - 04/20/2024 |
| Joanne M. Schumaker | 09/11/1933 - 05/14/2024 |
| Ruth Ziethlow | 02/06/1928 - 07/03/2024 |
| Thomas G. Hartford Sr. | 04/25/1946 - 08/06/2024 |
| Linda L. Hagedorn | 06/06/1947 - 10/24/2024 |

*And we also remember these friends & family members:
 (as received by time of printing)*

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| Ken & Lola Abbey | Jim Hecklinger |
| Dick & Joan Bailey | Delores Heilman |
| Fred & Helen Bailey | Evelyn Mae Henneman |
| Mary Batchman | Marcia Henninger |
| Ernie Bollinger | Gonzalo Herrera |
| Judith Cervantes | Joyce Koester-Martin |
| Richard Counterman | Rev. Gerald & Ilean Labuhn |
| Bob DeWitt | Emanuel Lanzon |
| Gary DeWitt | Theresa Lanzon |
| Jean DeWitt | Janet Mooney |
| Kenneth DeWitt | Paul Muller Sr. |
| Dolores Dipner | Chuck Neal |
| Shirley Dipner | Abraham Rivera Jr. |
| Herbert Frey | Logan Roberts |
| William Fulton | Andrea Schumaker |
| Nancy Gallaher | Edward Schwierking |
| Paulette S. Giaimo | Tim Smith |
| Brenda Nissen Gilbertson | Louise Sommers |
| Clarence & Iva Grant | William Stahl |
| Larry Grant | Peggy Torda |

Floyd Hagedorn
JoAnn Harrell
Floyd Hagedorn

David Winslow
Sharon Winslow
William Winslow
Kenneth Yard

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ELDERS

Bill Nelson
Bob Hecklinger

READER

Susie Purewal

SOUNDBOARD

Andy Hodges

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death, and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Make us certain that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come shall be able to separate us from the love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

The Lord's Prayer *(prayed by all)*

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.

Blessing

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation..

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn *"Shall We Gather at The River"* No. 423

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dr. Anthony Pattin

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2024 POINSETTIA SALE
SPONSORED BY THE ALTAR GUILD



Fill in the form below to place your order for poinsettias to be used during worship at Christmas time. You can place this form with payment in the offering plate or mail it in to the church office. Payment must accompany orders. Checks payable to: **First St. John**

Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, December 15th.

Number of plants @ \$15.00 each _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Color (circle one) Red White

Name _____

Phone _____

In Loving Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor of (Living) _____

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Our Way Rejoicing

Many Christians will take time today, All Saints Sunday, to remember family and friends of members who have died this past year. Individuals and families will set a burning candle or fresh flowers, springtime signs of the resurrection, next to a photograph of a loved one. Congregations will also remember those who have gone before us. Perhaps loved ones will be listed in the worship folder and named in the prayer of the church. In some congregations, worshipers will be invited to come to the altar and light a candle or say a brief prayer of thanks for the life of God's faithful witnesses.

Worshipers might also be invited to come to the baptismal font, dip their fingers in the water, and trace the cross of Christ on their forehead, because All Saints Sunday is an especially fitting day to remember our baptism. In baptism, God drowns the powers of sin and death and washes us clean, making us fit for life in heaven. Baptism is also God's gracious welcome into the family of God. By tracing a watery cross-sign, we are reminded that it is through baptism that God has made all of us saints.

As difficult as it might be to say goodbye to the saints who are now with God, we are reassured by Jesus' exhortation. He promises that although today we might be separated from loved ones by death, one day we will dwell in God's holy presence. Then we will be reunited in heaven with all God's chosen ones: "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven." With that promise, we can walk with rejoicing on the way God sets before us.