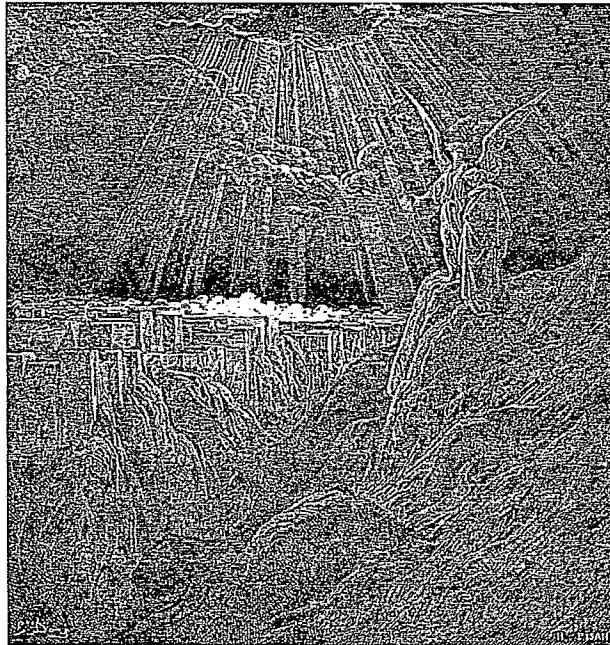


St. John Lutheran Church and Preschool

Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

Observing All Saints Day

Divine Service Setting Three
November 2&3, 2024



THE NEW JERUSALEM

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21: 2)

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Holy Communion *The Lord welcomes to his table all who repent of sin and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. In this meal the Lord is present by a mystery in his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. As the Lord's Supper is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and lest any eat and drink unworthily, those who are not yet instructed as members or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Lord's Supper, are asked to first speak to the pastor. Those who are not communing but wishing to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward. Simply bow your head to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

As we prepare for worship together please remember to set your phone to silent mode. Thank You!

Mission Statement: Growing a Christian Community rooted in Faith, Fellowship, and Service

Cover: Gustave Dore (1832-1883) The New Jerusalem

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November 2&3, 2024

As we gather for this service let us take time to lay aside our thoughts of other things as we prayerfully prepare for the worship of our Lord. Inside the front covers of your hymnal are Prayers For Worship. Additionally inside the back covers of your hymnal are the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as well as the Lord's Prayer.

Bell tones and Prelude - *Sine Nomine* – K. Hildebrand
(we prepare in silent prayer during the time of the prelude)

Hymn: *For All the Saints* **677 (1-3, 7&8)**

(As the music begins, please rise to sing)

Confession And Absolution **p. 184**

Introit: *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*; antiphon: *Revelation 7:14b*



Antiphon: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- |
lution.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood | of the Lamb.

C: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put
to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*

you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Antiphon

Kyrie - *Lord Have Mercy* **p. 186**

Hymn Of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis* **p. 187**

Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

First Reading: *Proverbs 8: 11-22*

“Wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries. The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old.”

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Blessed Are You – C. Courtney (Sunday)*

Epistle: *Revelation 5: 6-12*

In those days: I, John, looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing, forever and ever. Amen."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

A: These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- |
lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel: *Luke 6: 17-23a*

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And with your Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus came down from the mountain and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed p. 191

Hymn of the Day *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
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Sermon

Offertory: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* p. 192

Prayer of the Church

We have committed to God's grace the lives of these members who have died over the course of the year and whose names we mention this day.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving 1

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Communion Prayers *During the time before, during and after Communion you may wish to pray while kneeling or sitting in your pew. Prayers are provided for the time of Communion inside the front covers of the hymnals under "Prayers for Worship."*

Post-Communion Collect *(Please Rise)*

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn *For All the Saints*

677 (4-6)

(silent prayer)

Postlude

Fugue in d minor – J.S. Bach

¹ *The Prayer of Thanksgiving III – adapted from Apostolic Tradition, Worship Supplement, CPH 1969*

Church Attendance

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Offerings for God The offering box is available in the narthex for our giving.

Welcome Guests! Please take a moment to fill out the form in the red Record of Fellowship pads at the end of your pew. This will help us to get to know you as you share worship among us!

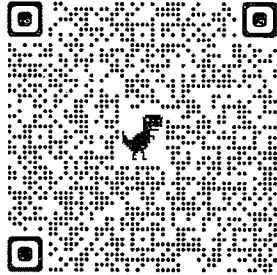
Assisting with our services: Assistant: Paul Patnoad(Sat), Nathan Moran (Sun); Lead Deacon: Diane Foell (Sat), Beth MacDonald (Sun); Readers: Lois McCutcheon (Sat), Marcia Gregory (Sun); Altar Guild: Lois McCutcheon (Sat), Marcia Gregory (Sun).

Did you know? - Doxological verse: Δ

Did you know that when the sign Δ is used before a hymn stanza it indicates a doxological verse? This is a verse dedicated to God's glory and his holy Name. This verse is normally found at the end of the hymn. When the doxological verse begins, we rise to sing to God's honor!

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Support Our Preschool: The preschool has set up a wishlist for supplies and other teaching items on Amazon. Use your cell phone's app to scan this QR code to link directly to the wishlist. You can order and have items shipped directly to the preschool. Thank you for your support.



Joyful Response: Joyful Response is a program we offer here at Saint John Lutheran Church where you can make your contributions to the Lord through online banking if you wish. If you're interested, a form has been included on our website detailing all the information we need from you! When you've completed it, please leave it in the mailbox outside the office door.

Christmas Memorials: Christmas memorials are available at the table in the narthex. You may purchase a pointsettia or make a monetary contribution. Deadline for pointsettia order is Sunday, November 24th, and monetary contributions continue to December 15th.

News at Saint John

Wednesday Worship: During this season we will explore mid-week Trinity themed readings. We will worship in the Saint John Chapel each Wednesday evening for the Divine Service at 7pm. Join us in God's presence!

Divine Service Setting 3: We celebrate the return to Divine Service Setting 3! With Divine Service Setting 3 St. John recovers its roots! This service is the old "Common Service" which was the prevailing English Liturgy in use since 1888 by Lutheran Congregations across America. It seems that St. John began to use this setting back in 1919 and continued its use with the Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) which was produced in 1941. St. John continued to worship with this setting for the majority of its history as did the majority of American Lutheran Churches over the years. May the Lord bless us as we regularly share the Divine Service among us!

We Welcome Our New Members: Chris Dougan, Carlene and Kyle Fox, *with Aidan and Olivia*, Crystal Walsh and Brennen Gurtowski, Ralph Mingoello, *with Madison*, Nathan and Kimberly Moran

Operation Christmas Child: St. John Lutheran Church will once again be collecting items, packing them in shoe boxes, and having them mailed to people around the world. Suggested items are toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and no perishable foods are allowed. You can also write a check made payable to "Samaritan's Purse" with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo. All gifts and checks must be at the church by noon on Sunday November 24, 2024.

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

“A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages” cry out, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne” (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, “shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall “serve him day and night in his temple” (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).