



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5, 2023
11:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.
Bold text indicates the congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Rejoice in God's Saints

Charles Callahan

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog (Revelation 7:9-10)

P I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

C **"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"**

Hymn 422

For All the Saints

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18

The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

The Song of Praise, or Gloria ("Glory to God..."), is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Je-sus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Song of Praise

Glory to God

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into two main sections: 'Song of Praise' and 'Glory to God'. The 'Song of Praise' section includes the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.' and 'Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.' The 'Glory to God' section includes the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.' and 'Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, 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.' The score ends with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and'.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
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.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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 Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

On this All Saints Sunday, we remember the "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) who have gone before us, especially those members of our congregation who have died since last All Saints Sunday

Thanksgiving for Departed Saints

P Let us remember all the saints before God.

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. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

C Amen

P Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C and you will find rest for your souls.

P For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C And you will find rest for your souls.

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors:

Ron Adkins
Jackie Carmack
Frank D'Alessandro
John Ertz

Stephen Francis
Edna Henning
Glorine Largen

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

The first reading is from the Old Testament.

Children's Sermon

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

L A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

*We sing the psalm responsively, with the congregation singing the verses in **bold**.*

¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me**
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.

A psalm is spoken or sung as a response to the first reading.

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

The Gospel Acclamation is the congregation's response to the announcement and reading of the Holy Gospel. It gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.

The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.
⁶**I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from¹ all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD
and de-¹livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!**

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-13

L A reading from First John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

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.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

Hymn 418

Rejoice in God’s Saints

This hymn complements the day’s scripture readings and sermon.

The Apostles’ Creed (which begins, “I believe...”) is traditionally attributed to the first apostles, working under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It has been known to the church since at least the fourth century.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C **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 join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God’s promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord’s service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another, saying “Peace be with you.”

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

When the Saints Go Marching In

John Rutter

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the saints go marching in.

And when the revelation comes,
 And when the revelation comes,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the revelation comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne,
 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When they gather round the throne.

Hallelujah, brothers, Hallelujah, sisters!
 Hear the music going round and around,
 While the saints go marching up into glory,
 Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!

And when they crown him King of Kings,
 And when they crown him King of Kings,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When they crown him King of Kings.

And when the sun no more will shine,
 And when the sun no more will shine,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the sun no more will shine.

And when the moon has turned to blood,
 And when the moon has turned to blood,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the moon has turned to blood.

And on that hallelujah day,
 And on that hallelujah day,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 On that hallelujah day.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the saints go marching in.

- African-American spiritual

As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer.
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

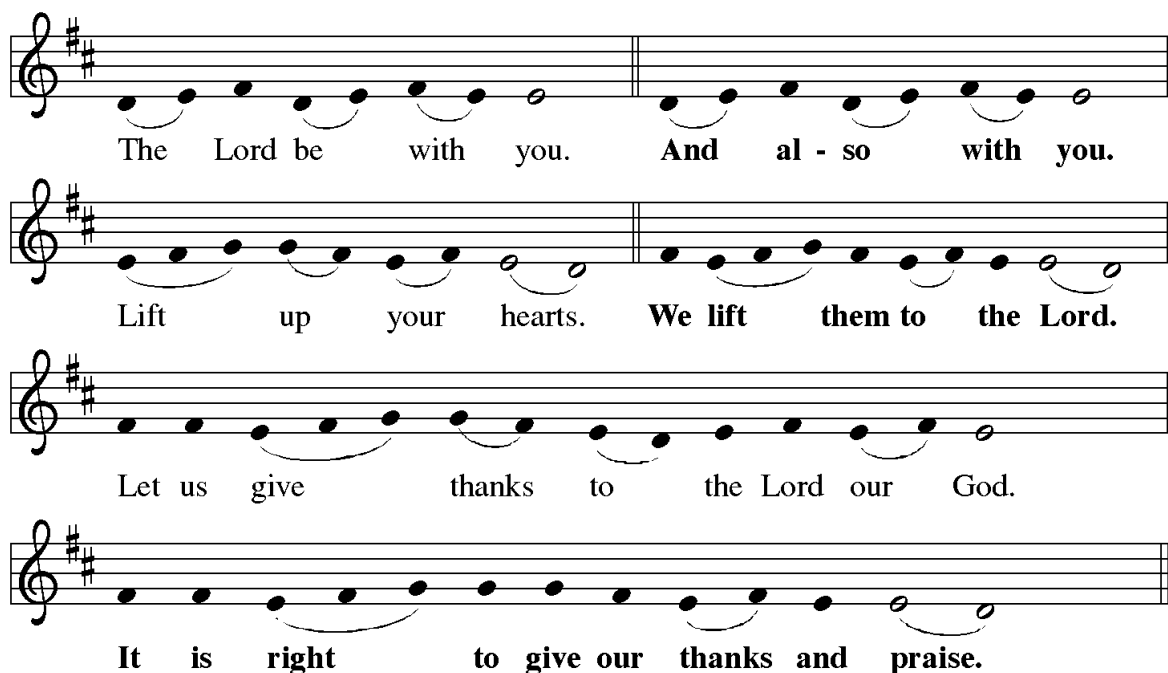
Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,
C all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

Thanksgiving Dialogue



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.


The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

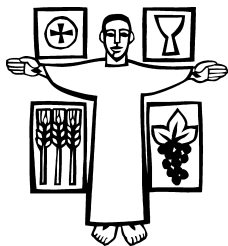
The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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**

We are seated.

Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle to receive communion at the altar rail. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Generous God,

C **we thank you for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

C **Amen**

Hymn

How Shall I Sing That Majesty



1. How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad - mire?
2. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's fire,
3. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings keep!



Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir.
 then shall I sing and take my part with that ce - le - stial choir.
 Thy know - ledge is the on - ly line to sound so vast a deep;



Thou - sands of thou - sands stand a - round thy throne, O God most high;
 They sing, be - cause thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
 thou art a sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a sphere;



ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?
 for where heav'n is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.
 thy time is now and ev - er - more, thy place is ev - 'ry - where.

*We are dis-
 missed
 from worship
 knowing that
 our service does
 not end. Rather,
 having been in
 the presence of
 the risen Lord,
 we leave so that
 our service may
 truly begin.*

Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

For All the Saints

Arthur Hutchings

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, November 5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 6	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, November 7		
Wednesday, November 8	6:30PM	Choir rehearsal (Nave)
Thursday, November 9		
Friday, November 10	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
Saturday, November 11	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, November 12	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Mary Ann Snider	Sandy Anders
Lector	Nan Keenan	Eric Mills
Communion Assistant	Sabina Ugochukwu & Teresa Stowasser	Lois Ashby & Donna Abbott
Coffee Hour		

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the saints of St. Mark's by Jacob Gordon.

Attendance Last Sunday	68
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)	\$4783.00
Budget (Pledges/Loose)	\$3645.00



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Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor

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