

Welcome to Worship

at

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
a reconciling in Christ congregation



All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

10:30 am

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Statement of Welcome

*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. — Galatians 3:28*

As a community of God striving to be open to all people, we at St. John's Lutheran Congregation believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally. We welcome all to join us as we struggle to better understand the mysteries of God's teachings. We are challenged by Christ to care for, to love, to understand, and to listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual/affectional orientation, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people.

St. John's Lutheran Congregation is a place for each person to shine in their own unique gifts.

Statement of Mission

St. John's Lutheran Church is a downtown, community-oriented, congregation of Christians. We worship God, strive to welcome, and wholly accept everyone, and reach out with and in God's love.

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Communion is a time we invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament. If this is your belief, there are instructions to follow at the time of Communion later in the bulletin.

Service Notes:

- (asterisk) indicates, please stand as you are able.
- Page # indicates the front of the hymnal is used . . .
- Hymn # indicates the back of the Hymnal is used . . .

Hymn Book Abbreviations:

ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book
WOV – With One Voice
ACS – All Creation Sings

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude *“Rejoice in God’s Saints”* by C. Hubert H. Parry

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God,

C: For in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

P: In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched,

C: And you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way,

C: You sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

P: At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side,

C: And on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

ELW # 422 "*For All the Saints*" (verses 1-4)

Remembering the Saints

P: For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

C: To you, O Lord.

Naming of Saints of This Community

***Prayer**

A: Let us pray. O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please continue singing . . .

ELW # 422 *“For All the Saints”* (verses 5-7)

*Prayer of the Day

A: 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

Children's Chat

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what
is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

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.”

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia”

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P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — *The Reverend Mike Button*

***Hymn of the Day –**

ELW # 628 *“Jerusalem, My Happy Home ”*

***Apostles Creed**

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.

***Prayers of Intercession**

A: Let us pray. O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering including *those we mention on our prayer list . . . and those we name aloud or silently in our hearts . . .* Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God, in this election season, give us hearts and minds focused on nurturing all that you have made. Forgive us when we are unjust or accept unjust behavior in our leaders. Remind us of your call to not withdraw from the world but to be in the world as your very own broken and beloved people. Ignite in us a passion for the welfare of those who are most vulnerable, and empower us to lead with a love that reflects your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen

**** The Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(Ushers now proceed to the Altar to receive the offering plates...)

Offertory *“O How Blessed”* by Dan Schutte
Sung by the Wittenberg Choir

***Presentation of Gifts** *(Ushers now bring the offering plates forward.)*

***Offertory Hymn** *(following page)*

ELW# 531 ***“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”***

1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.

Refrain
 Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.
 Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.
 Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.
 The feast is read - y to be - gin;
 the feast is read - y to be - gin.

*Offertory Prayer

A: 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.

C: Amen

*Great Thanksgiving

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* Preface

(Leader continues . . .)

*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*Thanksgiving at the Table

P: With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.

C: Amen!

P: With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.

C: Amen!

P: With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen.

C: Amen!

P: With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit.

Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, and especially with *names of beloved saints or the local deceased*, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout . . . Blessing . . .

C: Blessing,

P: Glory

C: Glory,

P: Wisdom

C: Wisdom,

P: Thanksgiving

C: Thanksgiving,

P: Honor

C: Honor,

P: Power

C: Power,

P: Might

C: Might,

P: Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

C: Amen!

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***Lamb of God** - page 154

***Invitation to Communion** - page 154

Holy Communion - *If you are baptized and believe that it is the real blood and body of Christ, we welcome you at the Lord's table.*

**At the invitation of the usher, please proceed to the front to receive communion. Communion is also available in your pew, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*

Communion Hymns

ELW # 423 ***“Shall We Gather at the River”***

ELW # 426 ***“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”***

ELW # 630 ***“In Heaven Above”***

*Table Blessing

*Post Communion Hymn

ELW# 207 *“Thankful Hearts . . .”*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

*Prayer after Communion

A: 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.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

*Blessing

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

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

ELW # 632 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers . . .

Worship Assistant– Jim Heck

Ushers – Bob & Cindy Black

Reader – Bob Black

Altar Guild – Judi Kalapay & Linda Kalapay

Video Team – David Faulkner

This Week at St. John's November 3rd – November 10th

Today (11/3/24) – All Saints Sunday 10:30 am

Today (11/3/24) – Following Worship: Finance Mtg. – Office
Rachels's Circle - Chapel

Today (11/3/24) – BaconFest – Parking Volunteers needed.

Monday (11/4/24) – Choir Rehearsal, 1:00 pm

Wednesday (11/6/34) – Council Reports Due

Sunday (11/10/24) – Sunday School / Adult Forum – 9:00 am

Sunday (11/10/24) – Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost, 10:30 am

Sunday (11/10/24) – Following Worship: Membership Mtg. - Office

Monday (11/11/24) – Council Mtg. – 7:00 pm, Chapel

Week 43, 10/27/24 - Attendance: 52

Last Sunday's Envelope / Plate Offering	\$1678.00	
Weekly amount needed to reach our Budget:	\$2,126.00	
Year to Date Envelope / Plate Offering:	\$87,008.00	
Behind Budget	(\$4,410.00)	

Prayer Concerns: Chuck, Clark, Don, Joe, Kara, Christine, Bill, Michael, Shelley, Jan, George, Matt, Carolyn, Lois Anne, John, Donald, Lenny, Emily, Bill, Mary, Jim, Shirley, Jeff, Karla, Debbie, Pastor Orem, Peggy, Tony, Geroge, Joan, Krista, Addison, Cooper, Our Homebound Family and Friends, the St. John's Call Committee, and our Future Pastor.

Adult Forum: For All the Saints!

Come explore some of the exceptional believers who have shaped our life together in Christ. Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m. - in the Chapel.

Every year for Thanksgiving, The Outreach committee helps those in need by giving out gift cards. If you would like to help someone this thanksgiving, Outreach is accepting monetary donations.



(place donations in the offering plate marked "Thanksgiving".)

*We thank you for your support.
- The Outreach Committee*

***Call to Artists . . . The Gallery at St. John's
"Holiday Show" December 1st–December 22nd, 2024***

***The gallery is accepting works in any medium including:
Photography, Fine Art, Fine Art Crafts, and Visual Articulation.
The theme need not be Holiday related.***

***Registration Deadline: Friday, November 22nd
Registration forms can be found: In the Gallery,
or on our website @:***

www.stjohnseaston.org/ministries/gallery/



Hurricane Response

The situation:

Hurricanes continue to hit the coast of Florida, dropping heavy rains on the southeastern United States and leaving millions of people without power. As the storms move inland, it has caused dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response works with its partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response provides support on the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, attention to unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care.

What you can do: Pray

Please pray for the safety of communities impacted by hurricanes, including people in their paths and any emergency services personnel who are responding. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn and strength to those working diligently to rescue survivors.

Give:

Your gifts will support disaster-impacted communities. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

Mail your donation:

Make checks payable to: Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gift Processing Center
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Or put your donation in the offering plate marked "Hurricane"

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Harvest Home / Thanksgiving



With the spirit of Thanksgiving in our hearts, during the month of November, please bring non-perishable food items to be placed on the Altar and then donated to the St. John's Blessing Box & The Project Food Pantry.



**The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.**

—Psalm 85:12

*“The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.” John 1:9*

Midweek Advent Worship:

*[Join us for a light Soup Supper at 6:00 pm,
followed by Worship at 7:00 pm]*

Save the Date:

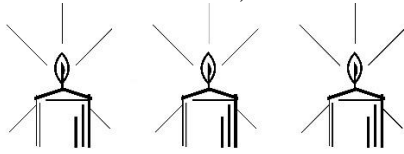
December 4th—Arndt's Lutheran Church

December 11th—St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church

December 18th—St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024



We honor the memory of those who have been committed to God's holy keeping.
"Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful."

Psalm 149

Ethel Louise Ward

January 20, 1927 – December 8, 2023

Ida Gabrielli

October 24, 1926 – December 30, 2023

Janet Heffner

April 24, 1935 – September 9, 2024

Loved Ones:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| † Nancy Docker | † Charlene Price |
| † Michael Ducey | † Desa Frika |
| † Ann DeFranco | † Ann Yehl |
| † Harold & Bertha Rickert | † Brenda Smith |
| † Grandma & Grandpa Hazen | † Sally Heck |
| † Grammy Weiss | † Harris Heck |
| † Catherine Kostenbader | † Maryanne Yehl |
| † Lanny Stueber | † Neal Yeal |
| † Craig Altemus | † Ann Fischer |
| † Chris Swan | † Marian Simmons |
| † Kathryn Johnson | † Lucille Woodson |
| † Joyce Powel | † Sherwood |
| | † Tom |
| | † Ron |