



November 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

FELLOWSHIP PADS: We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

OFFERING: No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: oursaviorswestsaalem.org/giving. Or text your gift amount to 608-471-7267 and follow the instructions on the response you receive. Or use the QR Code to the right. Thank you for your generosity and support of our work together.



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all, and gathering us together over time and space to be your people, the body of Christ.

We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity.

You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. Your gift of life through the Body of Christ transcends time. As you have gathered us together here and now, so we thank you for gathering us with all those who have lived lives of faith, in years past, and even in years to come.

We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity.

We thank you this day for the witness of those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised. 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.

We praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

This day we give thanks for all the saints and especially for those whom we have lost in the past year. We rejoice in the many ways in which they touched our lives, but also in the ways in which they proclaimed the work of God in their lives and the world around us.

At the same time, however, we continue to be filled with grief and sorrow. This is hard for us.

And so, this day as we reflect on their lives of faith, and give thanks for the gift that they continue to be to us, we also turn to our gracious God. We seek God's comfort, strength, and peace.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your servants who have gone before us, and ask your blessing on those who grieve their loss. This day especially we lift up to you those whom we have lost from this community in the past year.

Names - candles - bells

Ted Wilcox

Eleanor Lee

Delmar Pettis

Doris Yeske

Jeffrey Stellick

Valgean Anderson

Marilyn Romskog

Mary Kokott

LaVerne Bjerke

Mavis Valley

Richard Marking

Paula Hase- Mickelson

Robert Roraff

Lowell Hehl

Richard Storandt

Darla Grove

Lydia Ferguson

Thomas Niemeier

Comfort those who mourn, renew and restore those who are empty, and grant that through the power of your Holy Spirit, we may follow the saints who even now share new life in the power of the cross and the empty tomb.

To you, who are especially grieving the loss of these your loved ones, may the God of life continue to work in you the gifts of life, filling you with peace, courage and hope, through the crucified and risen Jesus. Amen

But we also remember this day the loss of loved ones in other times and other places. Those not a part of this community of faith, and those lost years ago, but for whom our grief remains. These burdens too we bring before our gracious God.

Let us pray ... God of hope, search our hearts and see the grief and sorrow which continues to fill us. Yet, you have promised life. In confidence in your grace we remember before you this day all whose loss we grieve, especially those whom we now name before you in the silence of our hearts ... ***[large candle lit, while bell is tolled three times]***

Embrace us with your love, fill us with your Holy Spirit, accompany us as we continue our journey of faith and life, and in the end, bring us your healing. As we journey, allow us to shed tears, rejoice in memories, and know new life through you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

And for all the saints, past, present, and future, we praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity.

***HYMN**

**"A Celebration Of Faith"
Choir/Bells/Congregation**

by William Walsham How

by Charles Villiers Stanford

Verse 1:

Choir and Congregation

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
— Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, — Thy name, O
Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Choir sings verses 2,3,4

Verse 5:

Choir and Congregation

From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, —
— Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, — Sing - ing to
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: — Al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude:
(Choir only)

Alleluia! Amen.



***GREETING** page 98 (in front of the hymnal)

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.

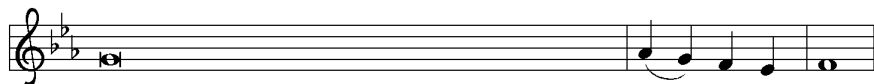
***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



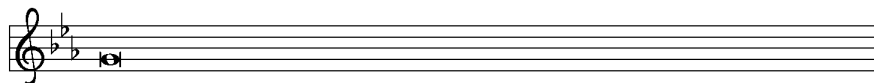
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



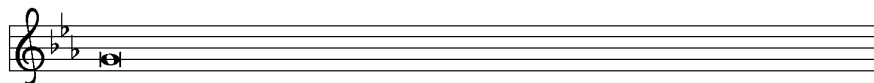
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**

READING Revelation 7:9-17

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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains two measures of music: the first measure has three quarter notes (D4, E4, F#4), and the second measure has a half note (G4) followed by a quarter note (A4). Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," are written, with hyphens under the syllables. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains two measures: the first measure has a half note (D4) followed by a quarter note (E4), and the second measure has a half note (F#4) followed by a quarter note (G4). Below the staff, the lyrics "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written, with hyphens under the syllables.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1-2

The Gospel according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

#423



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.



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**

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*(After a brief silence...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve; grant wholeness to those who are sick; be present with those who are isolated, alone, and homebound, especially Helen; and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, and our living faith partners at Bethany Mauston, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministries of these congregations, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy teacher, watch over your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Easton and Brooke as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

MISSION MOMENT

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

It is indeed our 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, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

***LORD'S PRAYER** page 112 (in front of hymnal)

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.

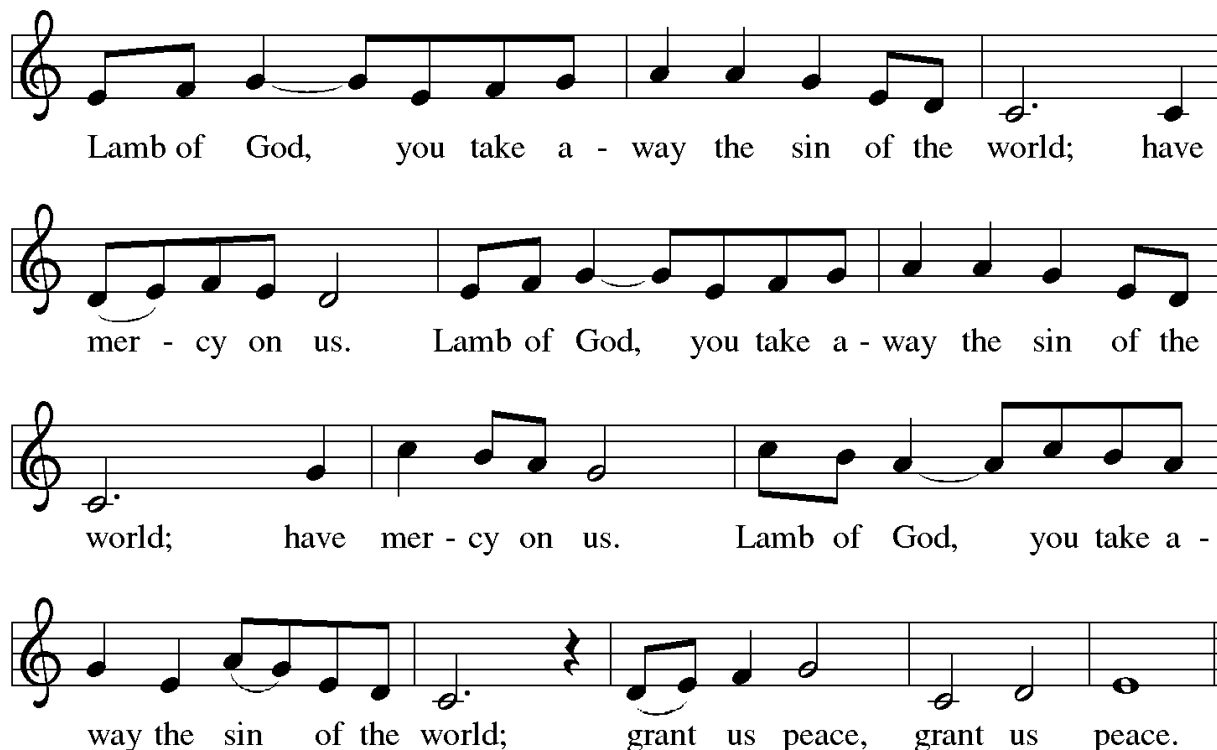
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

HOLY COMMUNION *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of 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 HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" #628

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

*SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION

*BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

*HYMN

"For All Your Saints, O Lord"

#427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a-dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count-ed you their great re-ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

*DISMISSAL *(Done from the back of the church)*

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM

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Eric Sorenson, Senior Choir Director

WORSHIP LEADERS

8 a.m.
Worship Assistant Mya Peterson
Communion Assistant Melody Schmitz
Welcoming Team Karl & Kathy Wehrs

10:30 a.m.
Worship Assistant Madison Phillips
Communion Assistant Dottie Baumgartner
Welcoming Team Mike & Joyce Larson

Home Communion Daryl Wermedal
Altar Guild for Nov. Wendy Amundson

CARD MINISTRY – Please be sure to sign the card for this week's shut-in, Helen Friell. The card is on the table by the Pre-K/K classroom.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY in the life of our congregation is when we remember and give thanks for those who have died in this past year.

Ted Wilcox - November 14, 2022
Eleanor Lee - December 7, 2022
Delmar Pettis - February 6, 2023
Doris Yeske - March 1, 2023
Jeffrey Stellick - March 16, 2023
Valgean Anderson - March 24, 2023
Marilyn Romskog - March 25, 2023
Mary Kokott - April 4, 2023
LaVerne Bjerke - May 10, 2023
Mavis Valley - May 23, 2023
Richard Marking - May 23, 2023
Paula Hase-Mickelson - July 13, 2023
Robert Roraff - July 15, 2023
Lowell Hehl - August 7, 2023
Richard Storandt - August 18, 2023
Darla Grove - August 23, 2023
Lydia Ferguson - September 1, 2023
Thomas Niemeier - September 20, 2023

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP - A time for fellowship and treats between services on Sundays. Please sign up to bring treats or to serve what others have provided.

CONFIRMATION AFTER SCHOOL & CLASS

Wednesday, November 8

3:30 pm - After School

5:30 pm -Meal

6 pm – 6 Confirmation class

6 pm – 7 Confirmation class

7 pm – 8 Confirmation class

7 pm – 9 Confirmation class



Hungry Jar Offering for November – Jail Ministry

LaCrosse Jail Ministry offers inmates spiritual direction, rehabilitative support, and connections to faith communities. Their mission is: “To provide an opportunity and create an environment for inmates that awakens, renews, and stimulates their spiritual life, thereby promoting behavioral change, social reintegration, and personal well-being.” Their work is done through bible study and worship services, as well as providing basic supplies (like writing paper, pens, books), personal care items, and programs to help develop job skills and continuing education.

BLOOD DRIVE - November 6 at the West Salem Presbyterian Church from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – Stuffing, sweet potatoes, gravy, Spam, can chicken, spaghetti sauce, Bushes beans, applesauce, dish soap, and paper towel.



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE & PIE FESTIVAL

Wednesday, November 22

7 PM at Our Savior's

Together with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from the West Salem Presbyterian Church and St. Teresa of Kolkata we will come and give thanks to a gracious God for all the gifts of life! Bring one or more items for the food pantry to leave up at the altar. Following worship join us for a slice of pie, and a time of fellowship.



If you are able to bring a pie to share, please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Check out the November newsletter (www.oursaviorswestsalem.org) to find out more.