



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



*Yet even at the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

## *All Saints Sunday*

*November 6, 2016*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

*-from Sundays and Seasons 2016*

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Blest Are They  
(for music, please turn to Hymn 728 in the Red Hymnal)

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.**

### *Refrain*

**Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

2. **Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst  
they shall have their fill.** *Refrain*

3. **Blest are they who show their mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart:  
they shall see God.** *Refrain*

4. **Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs.** *Refrain*

5. **Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.** *Refrain*

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## Apostles' 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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God the Father of glory;  
in the name of God the Son, our Redeemer;  
in the name of the God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Gracious God,

**C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed.**

**Free us from the slavery of sin;  
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;  
and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**C: Amen**

Hymn of Praise Kyrie Eleison

*“Kyrie” is Latin for “Lord have mercy.”*

*(For music turn to Hymn 19 in the Songbook binder)*

*Refrain*

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.**

**Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day**

- 1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all.  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
- 2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the  
hungry and the poor.  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
- 3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family.**

**For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

**4. For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

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Prayer of the Day

A: 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.**

† WORD †

First Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 149 (read responsively)

L: Sing a new song, you faithful,  
praise God in the assembly.

**C: Israel, rejoice in your maker,**

**Zion, in your king.  
Dance in the Lord's name,  
sounding harp and tambourine.**

L: The Lord delights  
in saving a helpless people.

**C: Revel in God's glory,  
join in clan in clan.**

L: Shout praise from your throat,  
sword flashing in hand

**C: to discipline nations  
and punish the wicked,**

L: to shackle their kings  
and chain their leaders,  
and execute God's sentence.

**C: You faithful, this is your glory!  
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all

things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (Revelation 7:15)*

**C: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading Luke 6:20-31*

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

*Children's Sermon*

*Sermon*

Hymn of the Day Shall We Gather at the River  
(For music turn to Hymn 423 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

*Refrain* **Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

2. **On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.** *Refrain*

3. **Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.** *Refrain*

4. **Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.** *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the 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 the Church

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: We share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

† MEAL †

Offering & Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

*For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.**

**Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus our Lord, now and forever. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is our joy that we always give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus the Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may be comforted by your mercy, and rejoice with you in glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and place; and on this day, most especially with: *(the names are read, followed by the ringing of a bell after each)* we look forward to the day when we may be joined with them again and join in this everlasting hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:3 - spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**334** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Red Hymnal)*

**485** *I Am the Bread of Life (Red Hymnal)*

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

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

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray: We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise. Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God who loves us,  
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,  
comfort your hearts  
and strengthen them in every good work and word;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.  
**C: Amen**

Sending Hymn I Am the Resurrection and the Life  
(For music turn to Hymn 16 in the Songbook binder)

**Chorus I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will live a new life.**

1. **I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*
2. **In My word all men will come to know  
it is love which makes the spirit grow  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*
3. **Keep in mind the things that I have said  
remember Me in the breaking of the bread  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Karen and Jim Spawton
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Jill Ehrlinger and Sam Stepanovitch
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Linda Flood

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 13, 2015**

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Julia Bullwinkle
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	Becky, Joy and Ellen

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**All Saints Remembrance**

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