



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *All Saints Sunday*

*November 3, 2024*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

It is All Saints Sunday. And it is also the first of four Sundays in our worship series on generosity. Jesus feeds a huge crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish. The crowd wants to make him king. But this is missing the point of his role on earth. Jesus has been generous to the crowd for different reasons. He is showing what abiding with him is like. Abiding in Jesus is the root of generosity.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

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

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is available in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn 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*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and frees us from our sin.

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are unable to escape its power.  
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.  
Unbind us and set us free.  
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,  
swallowing up death forever.  
For his sake you are forgiven  
and God remembers your sin no more.  
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.  
**C: Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise* Shout to the Lord  
(For music turn to Hymn 821 in the Red Hymnal)

*Verse*

**My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord there is none like you;  
All of my days  
I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.**

*Chorus*

**Shout to the Lord all the earth  
Let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I'll love You,  
Forever I'll stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

*Repeat Verse and Chorus*

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading 2 Kings 4:42-44

B: <sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 145:10-18 23 (*read responsively*)

D: Let your works praise you, Lord,  
your faithful ones bless you.

**C: Let them proclaim your glorious reign,  
let them tell of your might.**

D: Let them make known to all  
your might and glorious reign.

**C: Your dominion lasts for ever,  
your rule for all generations!**

D: The Lord is faithful in every word  
and gracious in every work.

**C: The Lord supports the fallen,  
raises those bowed down.**

D: The eyes of all look to you,  
you give them food in due time.

**C: You open wide your hand  
to feed all living things.**

D: The Lord is just in every way,  
loving in every deed.

**C: The Lord is near to those who call,  
who cry out from their hearts.**

Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

E: <sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 7:16)

**C: Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us! Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading John 6:1-15

*The gospel is announced:*

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

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he

distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Crown Him with Many Crowns

*(For music see Hymn 855 in the Red Hymnal)*

1. **Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.**
2. **Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.**
3. **Crown him the Lord of love-  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky**

**can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.**

**5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3,5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st.4. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

### *Apostles' Creed*

P: 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.**

Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: We share that peace with one another.

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

Special Music and Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

*You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.*

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

**C: 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. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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.

*Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.*

*The prayer concludes:*

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

**C: Amen.**

‡ MEAL ‡

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: There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

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

**820** *O Savior, Precious Savior (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: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of 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 †

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* For All the Saints  
(For music turn to Hymn 422 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **For all the saints who from their labors rest...  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
2. **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
3. **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one within your great design.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
4. **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
5. **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
...sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
6. **But then their breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**
  
7. **From earth's wide bounds from oceans farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
...singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

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*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

## All Saints Remembrance

Vada Broach	Daniel Lindskoog	Walter Sackett
Bob Chambers	Milton Markham	Gloria Selker
Bob Dawson	Pauline McClary	Wilmer Sheesley
Tom Fortunato	Mary Jane Morris	Esther Stepanovich
Bryan Gillern	Carole Phelps	Grace Swigart
Gary Grove	Jean Pierce	Susan VerPlank
Martha Kamisch	Dan Roberson	Janet Wegman

### Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Helen Crown
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Altar Care	Sue Kaufmann
Communion Assistant	Mary Zuege
Counters	Burdie Gillern and Babette Huber
Coffee Hour	125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Chicken Barbeque

### Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 10

Greeters and Ushers	Phyllis Henderson
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	

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