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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Celebration of the Saints

At the beginning of our worship on this festival day, we pause to remember the faithful saints of all generations whose lives have served to inspire our faith in Christ.

We lift up to God the names of those loved ones who have been laid to rest through the ministry of this congregation since the last All Saints Day.

A candle is lit and a bell rung to remind us that they now shine with the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Stanley Brehm	Artis Bowles
Louis Blank, Jr.	Kevin Haiduk
Margie Porter	Mike Murray
Ruth Kurth	Marilyn Brehm
Deborah Johnson	Kenneth Ferguson

Gathering Hymn

"For All the Saints"

ELW # 422 (vs 1-4)

Greeting

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.



Canticle of Praise

Setting 4

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture and preaching; we respond in profession of faith and prayer

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

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹In 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: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I 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: ¹⁷As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

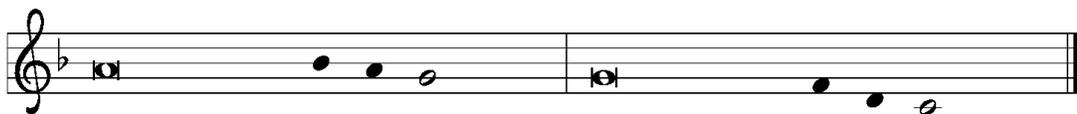


Sing the LORD'S praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

Psalm 149:1

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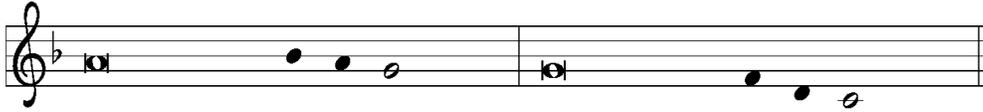
- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**
- ³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
- ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory. R**
- ⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.



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**⁶Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
⁸to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,
⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! R**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In 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, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In 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; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Cantor: Alleluia. They are before the | throne of God,* and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them. *Alleluia.* (Rev. 7:15)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

The good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice 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

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"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.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children are invited to go to their Sunday lesson and activity. They will return at Holy Communion. Parents are welcome to accompany them.

Sermon

Pastor James Dew

Hymn of the Day

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

ELW # 426

Apostles' Creed

With the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we confess our faith...

**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

*Each petition concludes: "Hear us, O God." The congregation responds: **"Your mercy is great."***

*We hold in prayer: Bob Cauble, Frances Bara, Chris Gates, Danny Myers, Dwan Warner,
Rev. Louise Shaw, Family of Kenneth Ferguson.*

*For prayer request updates, please contact the church office by phone or email at (210) 223-2611
or info@StJohnsSA.org*

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please share with those nearest you these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

Holy, Mighty, and Merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love for us and for all your creation, you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who took upon himself our own flesh and blood, who showed us your face, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

For on 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, as often as you drink of it, for the remembrance of me.

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send your Spirit, O God, upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they become your people the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit also into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy meal.

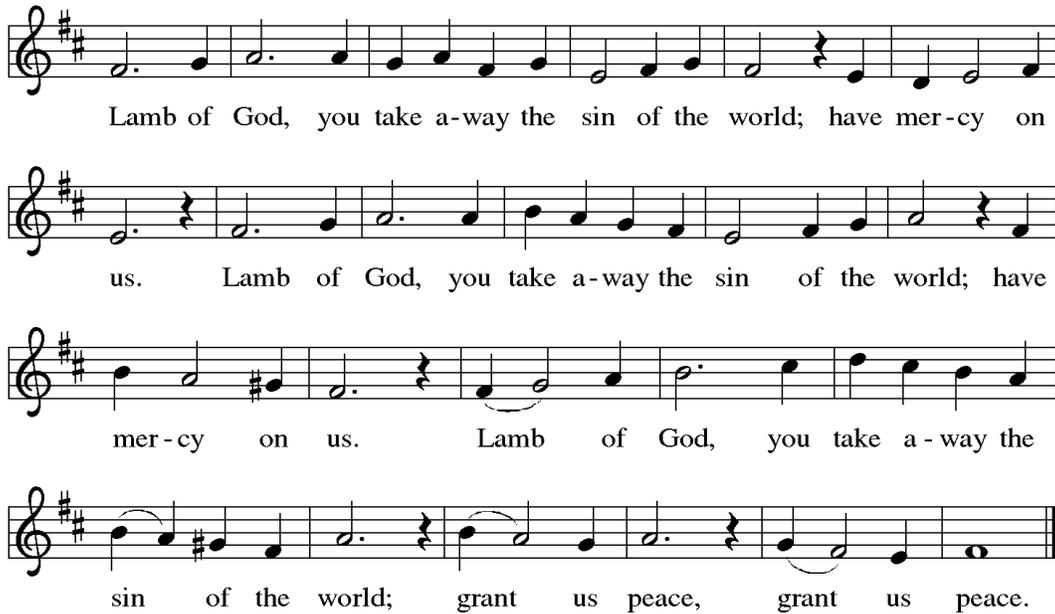
(Intoned) Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember us, Lord, in your kingdom, and help us to pray:

**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.**

All are welcome to this table. Come receive the gifts of God for the people of God.

Agnus Dei



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.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and we welcome all who wish to receive the Holy Sacrament to the Lord's Table, available both at the altar railing and by intinction on the sanctuary floor. Please follow the direction of the ushers. A gluten free host is available upon request.

Communion Hymns

ELW #611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
ELW #628 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*
ELW #620 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
Through this Holy Sacrament you have fed us
with the very body and blood of Christ.
Now send us out, to do the work you have given us to do,
to live-out your love to a hurting world,
and to be the hands and feet of Christ
to all we encounter; in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Ministers

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"For All the Saints"

ELW #422 (vs 5-7)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ goes with you.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister † Pastor James Dew
Assisting Minister † Karen Knudson
Lector † Tanya Anderson

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Worship is central to who we are as a people of God. Every time we gather to hear and respond to the Word, to offer up our prayers for the needs of many, and to receive Christ's living presence in the consecrated bread and wine, we seek to "become what we receive", namely, the Body of Christ for the sake of the life of the world. As we are gathered, fed, and then sent back out in mission, God empowers us to be bearers of blessing and vessels of grace, commissioning us to intentionally live out the reign of God throughout the course of our weekly living.

This week at St. John's

Sun 3 • Budget Q&A Session Memorial Hall following worship	Wed 6 • Campus Min. Dinner 6:00 PM
Sun 3 • Confirmation Class 11:00 AM	Wed 6 • Choir Practice 7:00 PM
Mon 4 • Executive Committee 6:00 PM	Sun 10 • Congregational Meeting 10:45 AM
Wed 6 • "Mid-Week Word and Prayer" 12:15 pm	

Copies of the Budget are available in the Church Office.

*Please see our online calendar at stjohnssa.org (under the Home tab)
for weekly recurring events and the current month's Tidings.*

**Congratulations to Steven and Clari Baker
on the birth of twin daughters,
Cora Brenna Faye Baker and Theadosia Evie Rae Baker
born on October 10.
Proud grandparents are Scott and Charlotte Baker.
Proud aunt and uncle are Esme Robledo and Kevin Baker.**

**The altar flowers have been given to the greater glory of God
in honor of Mike and Debbie Arnold
for their 35th wedding anniversary.**

Stewardship Sunday

Please join us for Stewardship Sunday on November 24 for worship and for brunch following the service. During worship you will have the opportunity to return your pledge cards for 2020. This will be a special day for recognizing the blessings we have and giving thanks to God for all that has been given us. Deacon John Dellis, senior gift planner in our synod through the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, will be our special guest for a temple talk. We look forward to seeing you on November 24 for worship, brunch, and fellowship.

Let the Children Come

Some family holiday gatherings are so big that some family members must overflow from the dining room table to the “kids’ table.” This delineation may lead to very different table conversations. For children, moving to the “grown-up table” may seem like an impassible chasm. Sometimes our segmenting of ministries by age can feel like an impassible chasm in our churches too. How can All Saints Sunday be a celebration of the uniqueness of each person among us? How can we honor the richness of gifts present in the great cloud of witnesses? How are we in mutual blessing with one another?

Theological Reflection

Throughout today’s texts we hear language and descriptors of life as it is *now* and life as it will be *forever*. In Daniel’s vision, the holy ones will “possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever” (7:18). In Ephesians, Christ’s authority and dominion are described as reigning both in this age and in the age to come. In Luke’s version of the beatitudes, the blessings come to those who are hungry *now*, who weep *now*; likewise, woe comes to those who are full *now* or are laughing *now*. How does the promise of *what is to come* inform and shape the *right now*? Consider this tension of *now and forever* in light of our connection and witness to the saints.

Liturgical Calendar Commemorations

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 Sunday, November 3, 2019

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

The Artwork of the Week

Continuing toward the altar from the choir loft, the fourth window on the right side of the sanctuary is the Mission Window. Paul is pictured here preaching on Mars Hill. The window includes mission symbols to remind us of outreach. The cross on the orb represents world-wide evangelism. The Mission Window is dedicated to the memory of Professor Edwin Voight. Born in Germany, Voight came to San Antonio in the late 1890s. He was a popular teacher who instructed many students in piano and violin. At the time of his death in 1929, Edwin Voight had been the organist at St. John's for 15 years. His pallbearers were all trustees of the church. Voight is buried in New Lutheran Cemetery.



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