



St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020**

Prelude and Bells

***For All the Saints* arr. By Jan Bender**

Welcome and Announcements

All Saints Litany

We remember this day the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the priests and the prophets,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost from this congregation in this past year,
knowing that they are with your heart and in your presence forever:

Mary Williams	Larry Foster
Mourette Boehme	Harold Spivey
Lillian Levis	Ruth Garrity
Frances Bara	Richard Collier, Jr
Arlene Schirmer	Paul Wilson
Henry Gemblor, Jr	Tom Bartholomew

We celebrate the lives of these ordinary saints,
and lift up the names of others in our hearts.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.
We rejoice that you and all the communion of saints,
the great cloud of witnesses, surround us still.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ.
In both our grief and our celebration, O God, we lift our prayers
in the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever and ever.

Amen.

adapted from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2011/10/23/worship-resources-for-october-30-2011-and-all-saints-day/>

Choir

For All Your Saints, O Lord

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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of unfailing light,
in your realm of glory the poor are blessed,
the hungry are filled, and every tear is wiped away.
Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of your Son,
made known to us in his own living and dying and rising again. **Amen.**

First 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.

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

Encouraged by the company of the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people, according to their needs:

God of grace and God of promise, we pray for your Church, gathered here and elsewhere, that all who call upon your name may also become your living vessels, through which you continue to move and speak and act in these days. Give us hope, until that day, when we will also be welcomed by you in that glorious reign of peace which has no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world around us, where people suffer from injustice and brokenness of every kind, that you, O Lord, would raise up among us a new vision, where there is no more hunger, no more war, and where your everlasting reign is manifested even in our daily tasks. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We continue, as well, Lord God, to lift up our prayers on behalf of your people, including *Bob Cauble, Ralph Detwiler, Claudine Michalek, Frances Franz, Alwen Schaefer, Bill Brewer, Lee Iredale, Mary Jane Schessenhagen, Beth Knox, Paul and Gloria Boenisch, Jeff and Lori Sackett, Kenny and Cheri Knippa, Kim Friesenhahn, Chris Gates, Paul Mason, Dean Olson, Ron Olson, Tammy Dorsey, Ken Boehme, the family of Danny Meyers*, and all whom we name in our hearts, that you would strengthen them, in body and spirit, with your healing love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And lastly, we pray also for ourselves, that your holy and abiding Spirit enable us to be humble in our serving, gracious in our giving, and faithful in our own discipleship. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, enthroned in glory and surrounded by saints and angels, we offer you these our prayers, and all else you know we need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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

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 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. 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 delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory.

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

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, upon these gifts of bread and wine, and upon all receive this Holy Sacrament, seeking to walk in new life, even now.

And when that day comes when all things become new, gather us, we pray, among your faithful people of every time and place, that we may join their voices before your throne of grace, singing praises to you, forever and ever. **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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us peace. Amen.**

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. During this time of pandemic, individual servings of the Eucharist are being offered in the pews at the direction of the Pastor.

Communion Prayer

By your Word and Sacraments, O God,

you give us a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth that will be ours forever.

Strengthen us in this vision, that we might draw even others into this hope that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

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,
Father, † Son, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Choir

Shall We Gather at the River

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

***Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. by Jan Bender**

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

Today, November 1 @ 8:30am	Pastor's Class
Today, November 1 @ 10:00am	Worship
Today, November 1 @ 11:00am	Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, November 3 @ 11:00am	CAM Sandwiches
Wednesday, November 4 @ 12:15pm	Word, Silence, and Prayer - Online (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88631542270)
Wednesday, November 4 @ 7:00pm	Confirmation Class - Online (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84215064884)

*Please see our online calendar at www.stjohnssa.org for other events.
For prayer requests, please contact the church office
(210) 223-2611 or info@StJohnsSA.org*

Our Ministry With Others

CAM Clothing Needs CAM is currently accepting gently-used clothing items for both adult men and women; casual wear, jeans, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes, and athletic shoes. (They are not accepting at this time any slacks, suits, heels, men's dress shoes, prom dresses, or business wear.) Contact Sarah Kory at skory@cam-sa.org or call 210-223-4099 with any questions.

CAM Toy Drive The CAM Christmas store is a free shopping experience for all families in crisis where parents are given the opportunity to "shop" for those perfect gifts that they know their children will love! To sign up to donate or volunteer at the Christmas Store visit www.cam-sa.org All new unwrapped gifts must be delivered on or before Wednesday, December 9 to CAM Downtown Campus, 110 McCullough Ave, SATX 78215.

CAM Sandwiches Every other Tuesday, we deliver sandwiches to CAM to help feed others. The next scheduled Tuesday happens this week. For more information about this ministry, please contact Bea Imken at 210-878-7874.



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