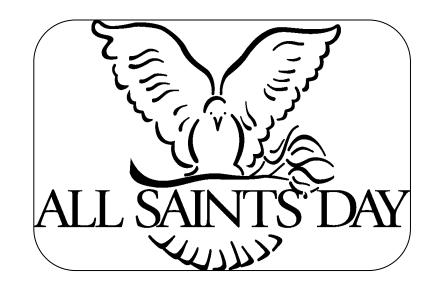


# St. John Lutheran Church

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# **November 5, 2022**

# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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# Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'

Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'

# A Time of Preparation

Prelude "Well Done"

What will it be like when my pain is gone And all the worries of this world just fade away What will it be like when You call my name In that moment when I see You face to face

I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

Well done well done My good and faithful one Welcome to the place where you belong Well done well done My beloved child You have run the race and now you're home Welcome to the place where you belong

What will it be like when tears are washed away And every broken thing will finally be made whole What will it be like when I come into Your glory Standing in the presence of a love so beautiful

> I'm waiting my whole life for that day I will live my life to hear you say

Well done well done My good and faithful one Welcome to the place where you belong Well done well done My beloved child You have run the race and now you're home Welcome to the place where you belong

What will it be like when I hear that sound All of heaven's angels crying out

Singing holy holy Holy are You Lord Singing holy holy Holy are You Lord Singing holy holy Holy are You Lord

I'm waiting my whole life for that day Until then I'll live to hear You say Well done well done My good and faithful one
Welcome to the place where you belong
Well done well done My beloved child
You have run the race and now you're home
Welcome to the place where you belong ... Well done
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# Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship Opening Song "The Sound of The Saints"

Oh, I love to hear the song of creation, the wind and the rhythm of the rain.

Oh, the thunder it speaks of Your power,
but there's something in the sound of the saints

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean, found peace in the echoes of a cave,

And the trees of the field they clap their hands,

But there's something in the sound of the saints

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise With a sound so full it cracks the sky!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen! Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion, Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen!

I will hear the chorus of the angels, forever a symphony of praise. I long to hear the voice of my Savior, and He hears us: the sound of the saints.

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise Ev'ry tongue, ev'ry tribe, hear the Church, Your bride.

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen! Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion, Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen! Whoa, whoa,

Our hearts will rise. Our song shall be Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever!

Our hearts will rise. The saints will sing

Of Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever, forever!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen. Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion, Singing alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen! Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion, Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen

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# **Confession and Forgiveness**

- **P** We confess together ...
- Oh Almighty God, Merciful Father ... I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ▼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **Song of Praise**

"Home"

This world is not what it was meant to be
All this pain all this suffering
There's a better place waiting for me In heaven

Ev'ry tear will be wiped away Ev'ry sorrow and sin erased

We'll dance on seas of amazing grace In heaven in heaven.

I'm goin' Home where the streets are golden
Ev'ry chain is broken
Oh I wanna go oh I wanna go
Home where ev'ry fear is gone
I'm in Your open arms
Where I belong ... Home

Lay down my burdens I lay down my past
I run to Jesus no turning back
Thank God Almighty I'll be free at last
In heaven in heaven

I'm goin' Home where the streets are golden
Ev'ry chain is broken
Oh I wanna go oh I wanna go
Home where ev'ry fear is gone
I'm in Your open arms
Where I belong

Blinded eyes will fin'lly see
The dead will rise on the shores of eternity
The trump will sound the angels will sing
Hallelujah hallelujah I am goin'
Home where the streets are golden
Ev'ry chain is broken
Oh I wanna go oh I wanna go
Home where ev'ry fear is gone
I'm in Your open arms
Where I belong Where I belong
I'm goin' home
I'm goin' home

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# Prayer of the Day First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4 & 9-17

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **Second Reading**

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will

be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

#### **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
  - **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
  - Praise to You, O Christ.

# **Children's Message**

# **Sermon Song**

"Even So Come"

All of creation, all of the earth Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.,

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true.

Jesus is coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

So we wait, we wait for You.

God, we wait; You're coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for You.

God, we wait, You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

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#### Sermon

"Blessed in Hard Times"/Matthew 5:1-12

# **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

# Offering

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### **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

Pholy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

Jackie J Jammer – June 1, 1950 – November 2, 2021 Gordon E Tallman – August 18, 1933 – November 26, 2021 Robert A Jacoby, Sr – May 5, 1931 – December 25, 2021 Walter J Ripple – August 7, 1924 – July 22, 2021 Arlene L Shull – June 25, 1938 – January 5, 2022 Glenn G Ruhlig – April 29, 1935 – January 6, 2022 Eleanor G Rabideau – November 12, 195 – February 24, 2022 Shirley A Brushaber – October 17, 1930 – March 18, 2022 Leo R Stack – January 12, 1927 – April 3, 2022 Lois K Moran – August 23, 1926 – May 26, 2022 Loretta M Billard – June 17, 1936 – June 2, 2022 Scott R Jones – February 15, 1959 – July 4, 2022 Richard G Lepper – November 9, 1929 – September 17, 2022 Skip Randall – February 6, 1937 – October 9, 2022 Robert Jacoby, Jr. – October 31, 1960 – October 7, 2022 Diane Boehmer – July 4, 1943 – October 21, 2022

P.....and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus. Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Post-Commemoration Song**

"I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know, Though my heart and flesh may fail.

There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won; He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name; No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God fall on my knees and rise ... I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light, And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.

The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name; No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees and rise ... I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing: "Worthy is the Lamb." And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb.

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And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

I will rise when He calls my name; No more sorrow, no more pain.

I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees and rise ...

I will rise ... I will rise

# **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

# **Blessing**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- Amen.

# **Sending Song**

### "Echoes (Till We See The Other Side)"

We will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens Sing His praise till we see the other side

'Cause we belong to the light When the night is at its darkest Just hold on for the dawn will soon arrive

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens Sing His praise till we see the other side

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens Sing His praise till we see the other side

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