



November 3, 2024 † All Saints Day

An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit, and you are invited to read aloud responses found in **bold**.

We welcome you to First Lutheran Church!

“God’s Work. Our Hands. To serve ALL people.”

P: Indicates the presider throughout the service. AM: Indicates the Assisting Minister throughout the service.

we gather

Prelude - “Now We Join in Celebration” by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

(based on the first Communion Hymn this morning)

Words of Welcome

***Hymn** — ACS 950 see insert

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in 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 servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

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.

Amen.

***Apostolic Greeting**

P: 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** – page 203, from *ELW, Setting 10*

*Hymn of Praise — page 204, from *ELW, Setting 10*

*Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Sanctuary Choir - "I'm Gonna Walk on Home!" Words and Music by Robert DeWells

we LISTEN and RESPOND

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah — Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 - the psalm will be read responsively today by whole verse.

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

2 **For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

4 **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

5 They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

6 **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

A Reading from Revelation — Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” **6a** Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation — page 205, from ELW, Setting 10**

***Gospel — John 11:32-44**

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

The Gospel of John, the 11th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

32 When Mary came where Jesus in was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” **33** When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. **34** He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” **35** Jesus began to weep. **36** So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” **37** But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. **39** Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” **40** Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” **41** So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. **42** I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” **43** When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” **44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon —

Pastor Chris Culuris

***Hymn —** no. 422 v. 1, 2, 6 & 7

“For All the Saints”

***The Nicene Creed**

P: Together let us profess our faith:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

AM: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources, the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. We remember before you today: Gene Roemhildt, Joleen Palmquist, Scott Grill, Ursula McRostie, Robert Moline, Betty Lee Rohloff, Sue Gray, Richard Karstad, Leighton Swenson, Ranae Peterson, Winthrop Block, Teresa Bartlett, Steven Mikelson, Emil Trnka Jr, Patricia McLain and Clinton Braun. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sign of Peace- P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** Please offer one another some sign of Christ's peace.

Offering - "For All the Saints" by Jan Bender (1903-1996)



***Offering Prayer**

AM: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, 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.

we SHARE the meal

***Great Thanksgiving & Preface** — page 206, from *ELW, Setting 10*

P: 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..... (*Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:*) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy** — page 207, from *ELW, Setting 10*

***Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer**

P: 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 for the remembrance of me.

As God's saints, we pray as Jesus taught us saying: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***Invitation to the Table**

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

Distribution of Communion - *we will be serving Holy Communion at the rail today.*

"Lamb of God" — page 208, from *ELW, Setting 10*

Hymn — no 462 -

"Now We Join in Celebration"

Hymn — ACS 977 See insert

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Prayer After Communion

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich 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. **Amen.**

we go in peace

Announcements

***Sending Hymn** — no. 423

"Shall We Gather at the River"

*Blessing & Dismissal

P: The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

AM: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** - "Song of the Redeemed Soul" by Jan Bender

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Announcements

- The flowers in front of the altar are given today in memory of Sue Gray.
- Updates: The boiler is finally fixed! The roster for our church directory has been sent to the United Church Directory Company. Now we are waiting for them to send us a draft copy to proof-read before it can be printed. Final repairs on the organ are being made.
- The Church Council of First Lutheran Church in St. Peter voted on October 30 to call for a special meeting of the congregation. The date for this special meeting of our congregation has been set for November 17. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on calling an ordained Deacon to be our Church Musician and Director of Christian Education. No other business shall be transacted at this meeting.
- Wednesdays at First: 5:30pm Dinner Starts, 6:00 Children's Music in the Chapel, 6:30 Worship in the Sanctuary, 7:00 Education in the Classrooms, 7:00 Bell Choir, 7:30 Youth Group (1st Wednesdays). The GAC Youth Outreach Team will be here this Wed., Nov. 6th. Please spread the word and invite a friend to come!
- The FLC Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving the congregation in various elected positions. We are looking for: 1 member to serve on the Church Council (3-year term), 3 members for our Synod Assembly (June), 2 members to serve on the Nominating Committee (2-year term), and 4 members for our Conference meeting (February). If you are interested, please let Amy Pehrson (amyrpehrson@gmail.com) or the church office know. Elections will take place at the congregational meeting in December.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for cooks, servers, and clean up crew for our Wednesday meals in November. Contact Rachel Szybnski with any questions rszybnski@gmail.com

- You are invited to attend the 2024 Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Thankoffering worship service led by the Rev. Betsy Hoiium and the students of Gustavus Adolphus College Campus Ministry. This in-person Thankoffering service will take place at Christ Chapel on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College on Sunday, November 10, at 6:30 pm. Women of the ELCA interim executive director, Jennifer Hockenbery, will also attend.
- “Is the Bible True?” – a series led by Pastor Steve Kidder on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Final two sessions: Nov 6th: “What the Bible Says about Homosexuality or Can the Church Change Its Mind?” Nov 13th: “Arguing With the Presenter or Should Women Be Allowed to Lead?”

Prayers

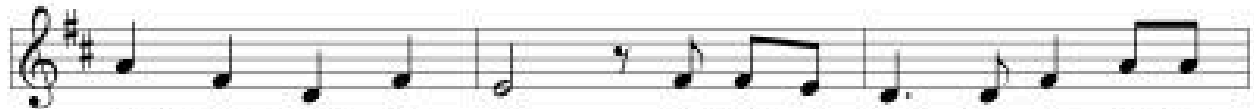
We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Elgene Lund, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Betty Gustafson, Karen Wendroth, Paul Aasen, Shirley Storkson, Ella Twaddle, Tim Schwartz, Gretchen Bray, Jim Wendroth, Dale Rettke, Dorothy Lutz, Jan Holte, Byron Larson, Lenore Schnobrich, Judy Fienen, David Ribar, Harvey Kane, Erika Schuldt and Laurie Dietrich.

- Those who have died since last All Saints’ Sunday: Gene Roemhildt, Joleen Palmquist, Scott Grill, Ursula McRostie, Robert Moline, Betty Lee Rohloff, Sue Gray, Richard Karstad, Leighton Swenson, Ranae Peterson, Winthrop Block, Teresa Bartlett, Steven Mikelson, Emil Trnka Jr, Patricia McLain and Clinton Braun

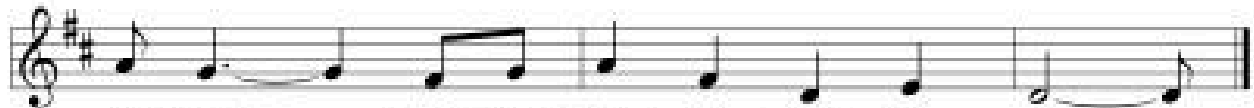
Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

- 5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 oh, when they crown him King of kings,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when they crown him King of kings.
- 6 And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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"I'm Gonna Walk on Home!" Words and Music by Robert DeWell

**I'm gonna walk on home,
I'm gonna walk on home,
I'm gonna walk on home to the Promised Land
and the Lord will welcome me there!**

**Crossing Jordan so deep and wide,
Got to move to the other side.
Come along now and sing with me
As we travel the stormy sea.**

**See old Satan behind that tree?
There to capture both you and me.
Look! the journey now soon will end,
There is heaven just 'round the bend.**

**If you get there before I do,
Pray that my soul will come on through.
Then we'll walk with the King of Kings,
shouting alleluias sing!**

