

All Saints Sunday



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:15 a.m.

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

St. James Lutheran Church

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Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

In this bulletin, ELW# refers to hymns in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (cranberry color). ACS# refers to hymns in the back half of *All Creation Sings* (purple color). Both books are found in the chair rack in front of you. Other symbols used throughout this bulletin:

P Presider **C** Congregation **A** Assisting Minister **L** Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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 has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C **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.**

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.

*GATHERING HYMN: *For All the Saints*

ELW 422

*PASTORAL GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L *Let us pray:* 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.

C Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On 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.

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

⁸he 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.

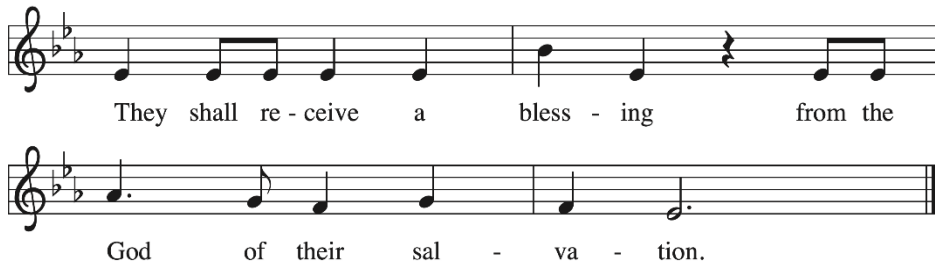
⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

The response is sung first by the cantor, then by all; the verses are sung by the cantor, all sing the response as indicated.



- 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. **Response**
- 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. **Response**
- 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. **Response**
- 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! **Response**
- 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. **Response**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The first staff ends with a comma, and the second staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "Merciful God," Our response: "receive our prayer."

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Behold the Host Arrayed in White*

setting, Nancy Raabe

*OFFERTORY

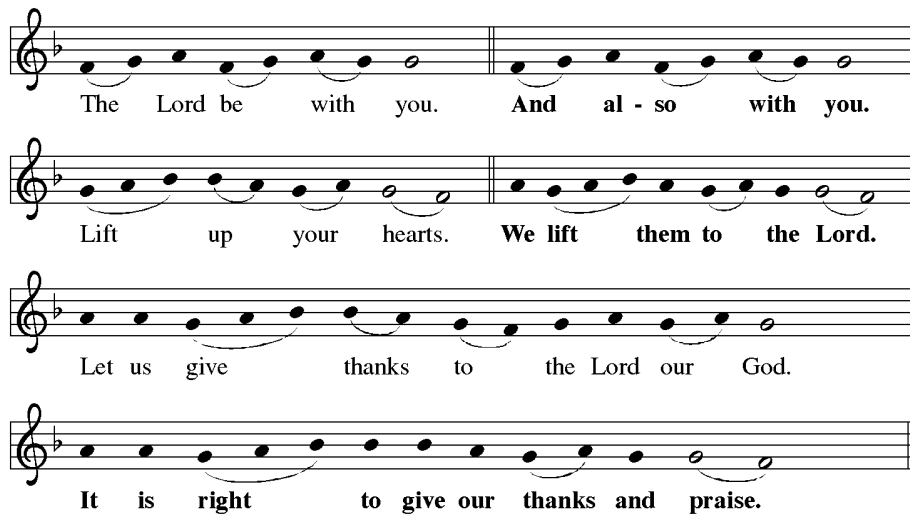
Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

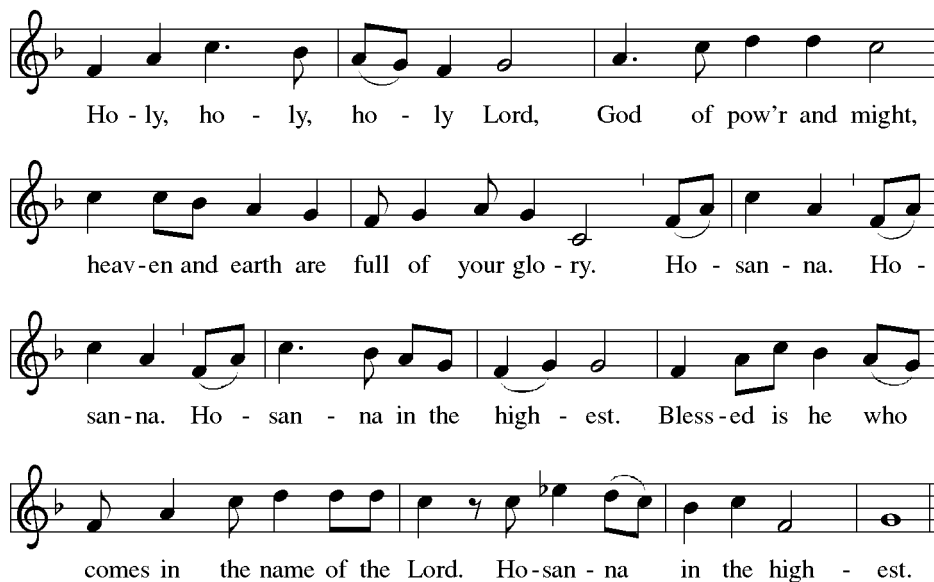
C Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come one, come all, the feast is spread! An usher will give you a cup and guide you toward the platform. During the continuous flow, please fill in spaces starting at the front of the platform completing the circle. We offer a chalice with grape juice first, followed by a chalice of wine. Please indicate your preference by extending your glass at the appropriate time. Rice crackers are available for those with gluten allergies. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will receive the sacrament while seated.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW 423

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* 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.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

ACS 950

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE: *All Saints Day Medley*

setting, Becki Slagle Mayo

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Lift Up in Prayer

Sandy Alleman	Erin Freeman	Ken Unger	Karen
Taylor Balderas	Hazel and Frank	Cheryl Weaver	Luke
Helen Bardell	George	Angie	Marilyn
James Bixler	Jen Mickelson	Avery	Michael & Ali
Katee Brown	Kate Sachse	Beverly	Miriam
Sara Diehl	Barbara Sanders	Bill	Ramona
Shawn Dooley	William Scott IV	Cindalee	Ted
Ryan Dunlop	Jeff Snyder	Darryl	Tiffany
Dr. Douglas Eyer	Irelyn Sprenkle	Dennis	Wayne
Joanne Fisher	John Steinberger	Herb	
Tim Fleming	Michelle	Hilda	
Caleb Freeman	Steinberger	Janet	

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Edith Baker Shriver and Harry E., Patricia E., Robert E., and Carol Baker by Bonita Baker Baltzley.

In honor of our mother, Norma Schweitzer Wood, by Denise, Scott and Jenny Wood.

In loving memory of the Saints who have passed:

Jenny Woolf Frederick	Patrick McMaster	Harry Borger
George E. Carey	Bob Shuba	Janet Rice
Carl Allen Carey	Joan E. Bryce	Connie Hutchinson
Carolyn Wicke	Jane Williams	Pat Crowner
Marion J. Peters	Joan C. Wise	Carol Christianson
Nina Mae Scott	Charlene E. Felton	John Seilhamer
Donna Straka	Sarah Scott-Mullen	Trudy Gobbel
Jack Chambers	Nicholas Casale	Glorianne Hutchinson
John "Jack" Straka	Glenn Heller	Carey Armstrong Moore
Dorothy Johnson	Shirley DeHaas	William Scott Jr.
Randy N. Smith	Charlie Bender	Nita Gross
Don Allen Bair	Benjamin J. Zimmerer	
June K. Garretson	Mary Alice Nutter	

Announcements

Hurricane Relief Efforts- Two ways to help!! Now through November 10 we will have a special collection for Hurricane Relief. If you wish to donate, make your check out to St. James Lutheran Church, memo line: Hurricane Relief. Funds will be distributed to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC who is greatly assisting with supplies and clean up. St. James will match members' contributions using Good for Church Funds from the Endowment. Also, St. James is also sponsoring a cleaning bucket project for the flood cleanup efforts. Pick up a bucket in the gathering area, along with the supply packing list for fill-up. Filled buckets need to be returned to church by November 8. They will be taken to Church World Services in New Windsor, and then distributed to North Carolina and Florida flood sites by CWS.

Poinsettia Orders - It's time to order poinsettias to honor or memorialize a loved one and to decorate the worship space for Christmas. Order deadline is 11/28 (Thanksgiving Day). Flowers are \$10.25. Orders can be placed at stjamesgettysburg.org/worship/seasons/christmas-flowers/

Bible Study with Pastor Andrew - Join us Thursday mornings at 10 am! We meet in the Gathering Area and are still studying Genesis. All are welcome!

Fall Book Club - Join Pastor Libby on Mondays at 3 pm at Paradise Cove Pavilion, Lake Heritage for a book study of "Jesus and John Wayne." On cold, windy, or rainy days, we will meet in the Gathering Area at St. James. See Pastor Libby for more details.

Fall Yoga - Gentle yoga classes, accessible for all abilities and levels of experience, continue on Fridays through November 22 at 1:15 pm, in Room 300.

Giving to St. James - Your financial gift allows St. James to do great things! Our mission is to live & love like Jesus. We serve and support our community – both locally & globally. Your gift and support make a difference in our community & world. Thank you! Scan the QR code or visit StJamesGettysburg.org/give.



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Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. – St. James will once again host Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. guests overnight beginning on November 4. Breakfast will be served in the Youth House daily. St. James' members are serving breakfast from Nov. 19 through Dec. 2. Volunteers are needed on each of these dates to cook and clean up. A volunteer orientation, for new volunteers, will be held on Nov. 6 at 10 am, at the Youth House. Contact Bill Shoemaker at 717-451-6549 or at wmschoemaker@comcast.net with any questions. Volunteers can scan the QR code to sign up.



Giving Spree: The St. James Early Learning Center (ELC) is a benefactor of the Giving Spree on November 7. The ELC is #99, so please support the Early Learning Center. Funds received at the Giving Spree support the ELC's Scholarship Fund to help make quality childcare more affordable for families in need.

Save These November Dates:

Sunday November 17 at noon – Annual Congregation Meeting

Wednesday November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve Meal (5:30 pm)
& Worship featuring Bluegrass Liturgy (7 pm)

Serving in Worship

Preacher

Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

Presider

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Cantor

Bill Avery

8:15 am Worship Service

Assisting Minister

Debra Baker

Acolyte

Morgan Smith

Bell Ringer

Aiden Dutrow

Prayer of the Day

Anden Dutrow

Lay Readers

Michael Guise

Denise Wood

Communion Assistants

Kim Guise, Kasey Smith,
Colleen Smith, Judy Seilhamer

Ushers

Kyle Smith, Aiden Dutrow,
Eric Smith, Bill Hill

Greeters

Anne Gomer

Kathy Felix

Bread Baker

Pr. Libby Baker-Mikesell

Sacristy

Brie Smith

Shirley Sanders

AV Operator

Gary Smith