



St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
10:45 a.m. Worship



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Blessed Are Those Who Belong to Christ

On All Saints' Day, we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith and rejoice in the promise that, through Christ, death does not have the final word. The saints are not honored because they were perfect, but because they were made holy through the saving work of Jesus. As we gather in worship today, may we give thanks for those who faithfully confessed Christ, find comfort in the promise of the resurrection, and look forward with hope to the day when God will gather all His people into His eternal presence.

Preservice Music

Handbell Choir

“All the People Said Amen”

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan and Paul Moak

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You are not alone if you are lonely,
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

Chorus: And all the people said, “Amen.” Whoa-oa-oa.
And all the people said, “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, “Amen.”

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall, and He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all. (*Chorus*)

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God. (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending: And all the people said, “Amen.”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

- C** Merciful Father, we confess that we often live as though this world were all there is. We have allowed fear of death, grief, and uncertainty to overshadow the hope You have given us through Christ. We have trusted in our own strength rather than in Your promises and have failed to live as people who belong to Your eternal kingdom. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again to conquer sin and death. Renew our faith, comfort our hearts, and help us live each day in the sure hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to conquer sin and death and to open for us the way to everlasting life. For His sake, He forgives you all your sins and promises that nothing can separate you from His love. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Introit

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.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Collect of the Day

P Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

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, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 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. "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. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

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. 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. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and

thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Parsons

♪ “All Sufficient Merit”

Words and Music by Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler and Shane Barnard

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All sufficient merit shining like the sun,
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.

In love He condescended, eternal now in time.
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come.

Chorus: It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe.
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.
(*Last time*): merit now my own, merit now my own.

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts.
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host.
Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white.
No more fear of judgment, His righteousness is mine. (*Chorus 2x*)

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death.
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
And when I stand accepted before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross.
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross (*Chorus 2x*)

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Communion Preparation

P Let us pray.

C Gracious Father, we give You thanks for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom You have conquered sin and death and given us the promise of everlasting life. As we come to Your Holy Table, prepare our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to receive Christ's true body and blood with repentance, faith, and thanksgiving. Comfort us in our grief, strengthen us in our faith, and assure us of the forgiveness and life You freely give through Christ. Unite us with all Your saints, both those who worship with us on earth and those who now rest in Your presence, and keep our eyes fixed on the resurrection and the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

"Hymn of Heaven"

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How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the One who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.

Chorus 1: There will be a day when all will bow before Him.
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And every prayer, we prayed in desperation;
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it

When He returns to wipe away our tears. (*Chorus 1*)

And on that day we join the resurrection,
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Forever He shall reign. (*Chorus 1 & Chorus 2*)

Chorus 2: So, let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

♪ “Revelation Song”

Words and Music by Jennie Lee Riddle
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Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He; sing a new song
To Him who sits on heaven’s mercy seat. (*Repeat*)

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come;
With all creation I sing, “Praise to the King of kings!”
You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory, and power be,
To you, the only wise King. (*Chorus*)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery. (*Chorus 2x*)

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

(*Those who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past church year*)

P Here we do not have an enduring city. But we are looking for the city
which is to come. Alleluia!

C Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the
Dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit,

“they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

(Revelation 14:13 NIV)

- P It is the custom of the church to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. In joyful expectation of the resurrection of the body, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed brothers and sisters who have gone before us. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of everlasting life and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. *(A bell tolls for each saint)*

Tom Teague (10-30-2025)

- P I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live:

C Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John “Jack” Donnan (11-7-2025)

- P Do not fear any of those things which you will suffer:

C Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

Thomas Thompson (11-12-2025)

- P I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end He will stand on the earth

C After my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.

Betty Miller (11-13-2025)

- P I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in my God:

C For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Don Herringshaw (12-1-2025)

- P He who hears my words and believes in Him who sent me, has everlasting life:

C He shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

Paul Weitfeldt (2-4-2026)

- P Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ:

C He will transform our lowly bodies so they will be like His glorious body.

Al Laeder (3-23-2026)

- P God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes:

C And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Rosemary Siebert (6-1-2026)

- P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,

Gregg Wyse (6-14-2026)

P My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life:

C They shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand.

Barb Smith (6-25-2026)

P Your mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness:

C The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

Nancy Weitfeldt (7-19-2026)

P Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

C and do not lean on your own understanding.

Ruth Ann Eesley (8-15-2026)

P I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Vern Wyse (9-20-2026)

P I sought the Lord, and he answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

Tom Dean (10-18-2026)

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

C your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Robert Bitner (10-19-2026)

P The Lord is my strength and my song;

C He has become my salvation.

Louise Herringshaw (10-19-2026)

P Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

C and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

For All Others Who Have Died in the Christian Faith

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.
C **He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious to thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and T give thee peace.
C **Amen.**

♪ “Home”

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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.

Every tear will be wiped away,
Every sorrow and sin erased;
We'll dance on seas of amazing grace
In heaven, in heaven.

Chorus: I'm goin' home
Where the streets are golden,
Every chain is broken.
Oh, I wanna go,
Oh, I wanna go...Home
Where every 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. (*Chorus*)

Blinded eyes will finally 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,

Every chain is broken.
Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go...Home
Where every fear is gone.
I'm in Your open arms, where I belong,
Where I belong!

I'm goin' home!
I'm goin' home!
I'm on my way home!
I'm goin' home!

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P May the Lord strengthen your faith, comfort you in every sorrow, and keep you steadfast in the hope of the resurrection until the day He gathers all His saints into everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

As we conclude, please feel free to stay for a few minutes if you would like to connect or chat with people Jesus has brought together today. Remember that we are all in this together!

*Altar flowers are given in celebration of
Bill and Letha Domina's 14th wedding anniversary!*

Announcements

Young Adult Meet Ups Monthly meet ups for mid-20s to mid-30s young adults continue this fall! Join us at Nord Social on Sunday, November 8 for a Detroit Lions watch party. Fliers are available in the Lounge with full details. Please consider those in your life who might be blessed by these events and share an invite with them!

Call For Orphan Grain Train Donations Please drop off gently used articles of clothing (infant-adult), quilts, blankets, bath towels, etc in **Room 3** between Oct. 26th and Nov. 4th. They will be delivered on the morning of Nov. 5th. A complete list of accepted items can be found on the bulletin board across from the church office. For easiest handling and delivery, please have items CLEAN and packed in standard kitchen garbage bags. The church is open M-F 9am to 2pm. For exciting info on OGT see Ellen Ware or go to OGT.ORG Thank you!

Midland Community Christmas Dinner Help us keep Christ in Christmas by sharing your time and talents! The Midland Community Christmas Dinner, hosted at St. John's on Christmas Day from **11 a.m.–3 p.m.**, provides a free meal to those in our community. Beginning **Saturday, November 14**, sign-up sheets will be available in **Alcove C (C is for Christmas!)**. Volunteers are needed on **December 23 and 25**, and food donations such as turkeys, potatoes, and salads are greatly appreciated. Last year, God provided 400 guests to share in this special meal. Will you help us answer the call to serve and share Christ's love with our community?

4th-6th Grade Escape Room Join us on November 15 from 3:00-4:40 for a 4th - 6th Escape Room in the St. John's gym! Come and try to break the code before time runs out. These evenings are open to students in 4th through 6th grade for the 2026–2027 school year. Come enjoy a night of games, fun, and fellowship. **Please register by scanning the QR code.**



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