



+ All Saints Sunday
November 5th, 2023
10:00 a.m.



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+ All Saints Sunday Order for Worship

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete.

At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a nametag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

HS: Hymnal Supplement

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Confession and Forgiveness

Please rise as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
Let us confess our sin to God, who is faithful and just
and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess to you

that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not trusted you with our whole heart.

We have not loved one another in deed and in truth.

In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit,

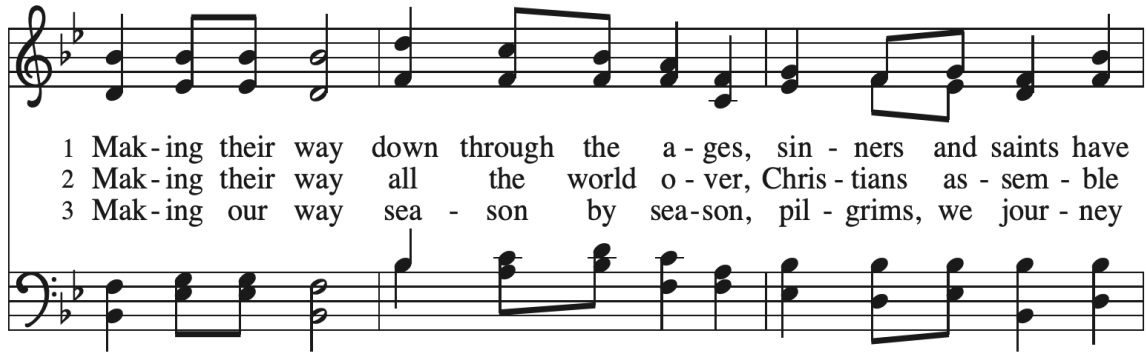
that we may live and serve you in newness of life

through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth.

Amen.

P: With joy I proclaim to you that Almighty God,
rich in mercy, abundant in love,
forgives you all your sin
and grants you newness of life in ✝ Jesus Christ.

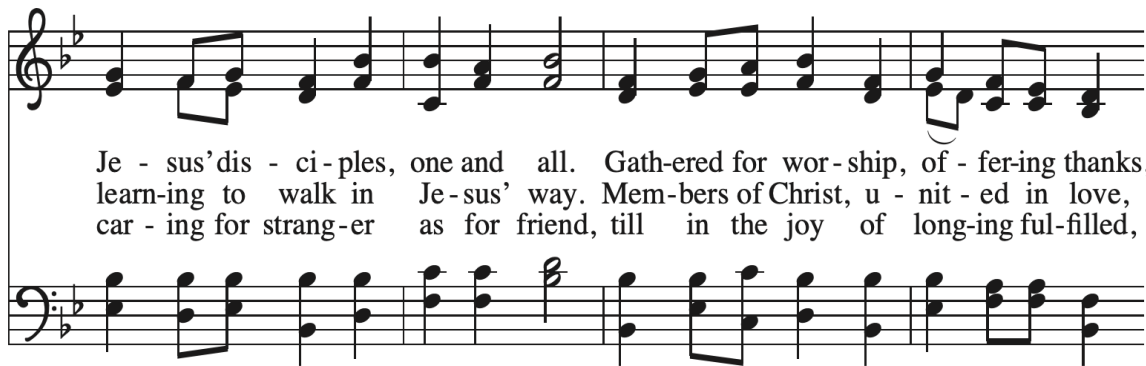
C: Amen. Thanks be to God!



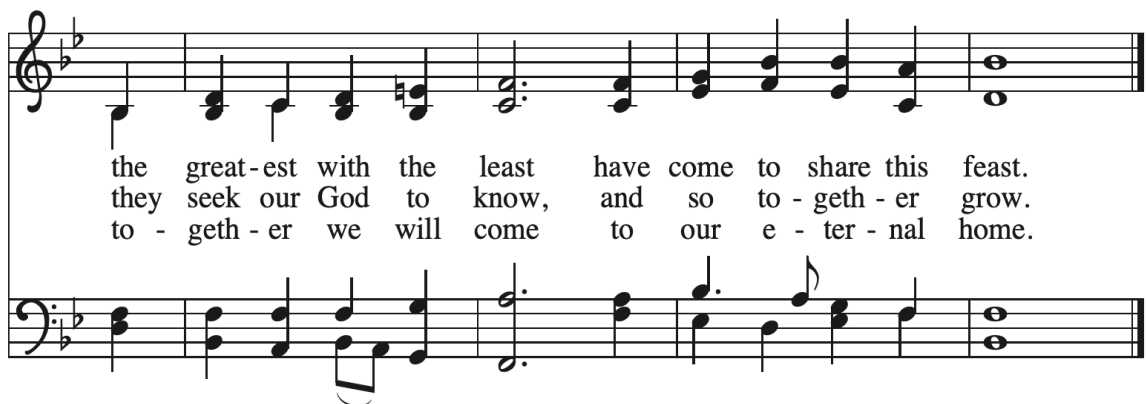
1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration

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Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

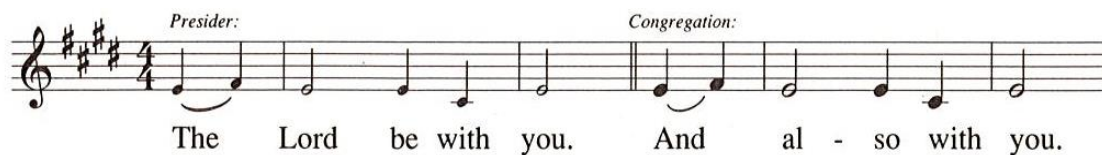


3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day



P: 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.

Please be seated.

Children are invited to join the adult leaders at the door and move to the office for Little Church – Big Faith. We ask that one additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.

Word

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

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 God day and night within God’s 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.”

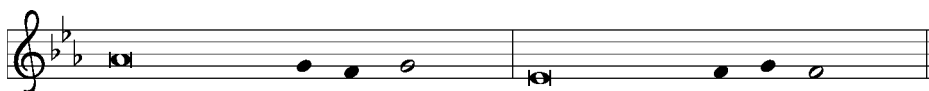
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor. The congregation is invited to join in singing the alternate verses in bold and the refrain.

Psalm tone



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Psalm refrain

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for
those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**May be sung in canon.*

Psalm 34:9

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¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice. R

³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me**
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles. R**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

Second Reading – 1 John 3: 1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. ³And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Marty Haugen

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord to whom shall we go?

5
You have the words of e - ter-nal life. Al - le- lu- ia.

Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.

All Saints Remembrance

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Loving God, the generations rise and pass away before you,
and you hold all your people in your tender care.

You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead.

We rejoice today with the company of your saints.

We remember those who have lived in faith and who have died and are at peace,
those dear to us who now rest in you.

Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you
and have sought to do your holy will.

To your name, O Triune God, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we ascribe all honor, glory, and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The names the faithful departed are read.

Organ chimes ring before and after the name of each member of the St. Andrew community who has joined the communion of saints in the past year, since the last All Saints Sunday. As the presiding minister reads the names of family and friends of the congregation who have died, the Hymn of the Day, "For All the Saints," begins.

During this time, people of the congregation are invited to come forward as you feel moved to light a candle and place it in the sand in memory of your loved ones.

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints

ELW 422

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

When all have returned to their places, the rite of remembrance concludes:

P: Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,

C: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

P: By your mercy,

C: may they and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Prayers of the People

A: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition

A: God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers

P: Into your care, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.

When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.
As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need,
the table is set for Holy Communion.*

Reparations Offering

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Andrew invites people of the congregation to consider a donation to a second collection for a reparations fund in acknowledgement of St. Andrew's use of African American spiritual songs in our worship services. Please see the note in the announcements at the back of the bulletin for more information.

Music during the Offering

As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.

Offertory Song

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation,

C: the eyes of all wait upon you,

and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table,

that we may come to the help of all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Dialogue

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The parts alternate between the Presider and the Congregation.

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is our duty and delight ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Marty Haugen
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might;—

5 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

10 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

13 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '5'. The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '10'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest labeled '13'. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God, ...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The presiding minister sings

Congregation:

Christ has died. Christ is

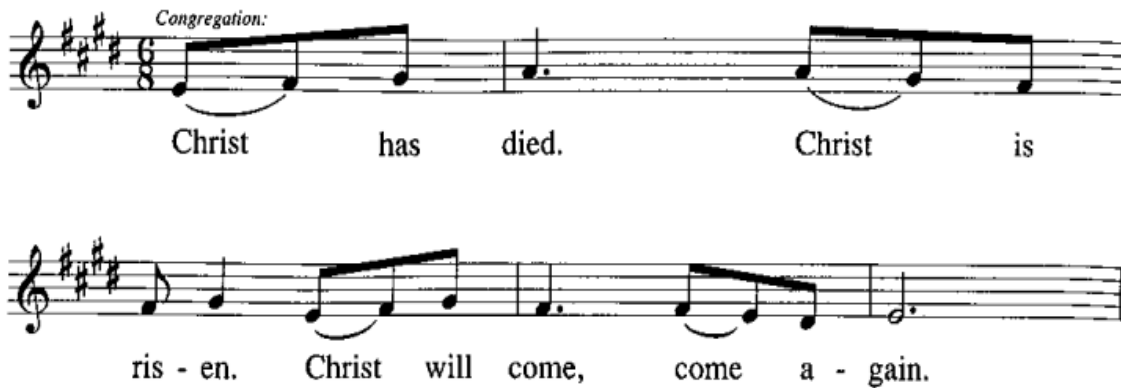
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

The musical score for the Eucharistic Prayer consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ has died. Christ is'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.'. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Then the congregation sings the same verse:

C:

Congregation:



Christ has died. Christ is
ris - en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, ...
... .. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C:



A - men.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

Fraction and Invitation

Marty Haugen

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the bread of life for us all:

4

8 mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

11 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

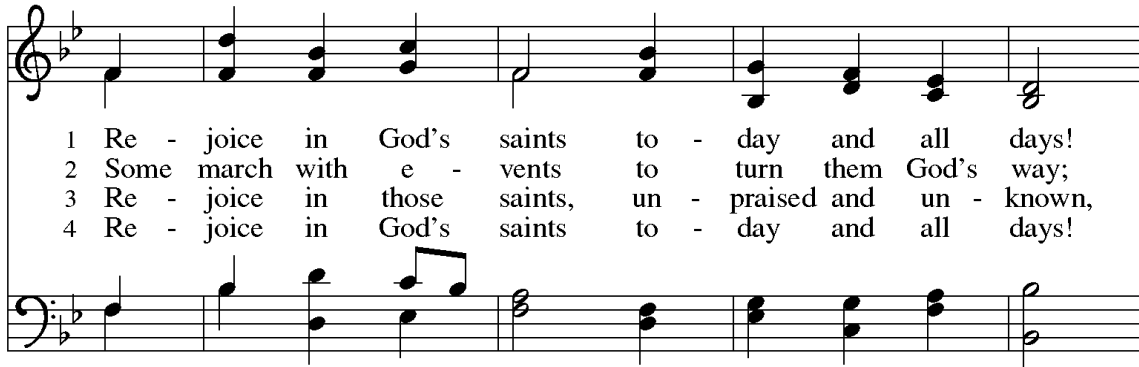
Holy Communion

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

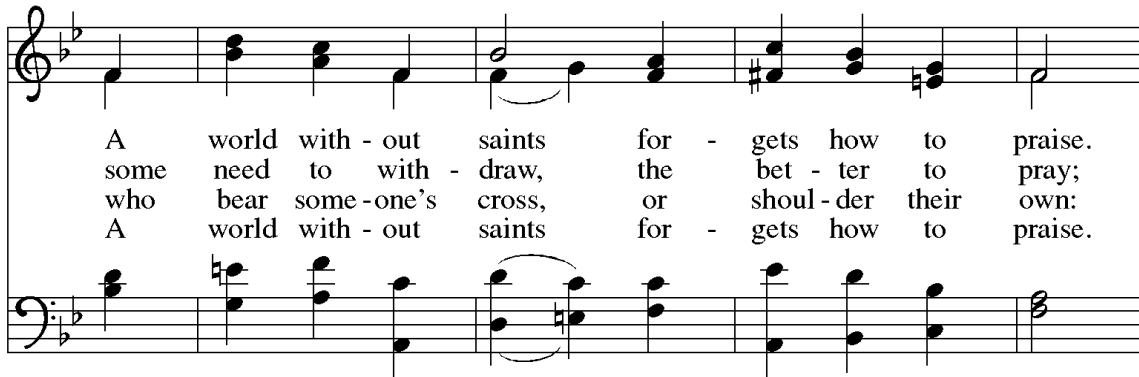
Hymns during Holy Communion

Rejoice in God's Saints

ELW 418



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Hymns during Holy Communion

Death Be Never Last

ACS 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

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Hymns during Holy Communion

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Gracious God,

in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,

and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world,

and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Benediction

P: The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you

bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Following page

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

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
 hal - le - lu - jah day, 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.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

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**Remembrance of the Faithful Departed Saints
All Saints Sunday – November 5th, 2023
St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

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Those serving in worship today

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Making Their Way

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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Rejoice in God's Saints

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Shall We Gather at the River

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements
November 5th, 2023

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on All Saints Sunday, November 5th, 2023** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all guests who are gathered here or online!

This week, the church observes All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for all the saints, both the living, and those who have gone before us, who have inspired and taught us by their examples of faith, love, grace, and baptismal living. For many, this is a day on which to remember those who have gone before us. During worship, we will honor the faithful departed who have gone on into God’s eternal care since the past year’s All Saints Sunday. As we do, we offer people of the congregation the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, as we remember the promise that God keeps us connected to them in the communion of all the saints.

Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space if you would like. Children are invited to participate in Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, after the prayer of the day. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. We invite everyone to stay after worship for coffee and conversation in the Social Hall next to the sanctuary.

- **Monthly Reparations Offering Today during Worship** – Jesus’ parable of the compassionate Samaritan from Luke’s Gospel provides an example of how God’s people are called to work for healing and repair for our neighbors, independent of who or what caused harm. In light of this, St. Andrew has made a commitment to reparations in regard to African American spiritual songs used in our worship. The text and music of most hymns is attributed to specific authors, with copyrights in place, usage reported, and royalties paid to those whose works are featured in worship. With African American spirituals, this is not possible. In response to many years of such uncredited use, St. Andrew will invite people of the congregation to give to a second collection for reparations during the offering. Funds received in our collections will be donated to our siblings at Bethel AME Church, whose land and building were taken from them in the 1950s, to fund the development they are planning in the lower Hill District.
- **Bible Study on “The Chosen” with Pastor Paul Koch Begins Today after Worship!** – The Chosen is an online television series based on the Gospels of Jesus Christ, with some locations and timelines combined, condensed, or interpreted, and some dialogue and backstory added. Pastor Paul Koch will be leading this study in which we will consider Gospel texts, compare and contrast them with “The Chosen,” and invite further consideration of how we engage with the stories of Jesus. We will highlight specific sections in our Sunday discussions so feel free to attend even if you have not watched the show. The series is available for free at the official website, <https://new.thechosen.tv/>, or using The Chosen app. It can also be found on YouTube, Amazon Prime, and other streaming services. We will continue the study on Sundays, November 12th and 19th and may add additional weeks if there is sufficient interest and participation.

- **Collecting Thanksgiving Food Items for November Produce Distribution until Tuesday Afternoon, November 7th** – St. Andrew once again plans to offer supplementary Thanksgiving foods for people of the community during the November Produce Distribution this Tuesday, November 7th. We are asking for donations of:

 - Stuffing mix
 - Instant mashed potatoes
 - Cornbread mix
 - Brownie or cake mix
 - Other staples such as lentils, beans, and rice

Canned vegetables have already been purchased and are not needed. Items can be donated on the large table next to the pantry supplies in the Social Hall.
- **Fresh Produce Distribution – Tuesday, November 7th, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** – Each month, St. Andrew offers a community fresh produce distribution in partnership with Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The next date is Tuesday, November 7th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We invite people of the congregation to help serve during the distribution, welcoming and helping guests, rotating boxes, directing traffic, etc. during that time, and earlier in the day for setup and unloading of the truck, usually between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Those who sign up for the earlier time will be contacted the day before when we have an estimate of the delivery time. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45AF2BA75-produce9>.
- **East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner – Thursday, November 16th, Arrival at 6:00 p.m., Meal at 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, members of St. Andrew provide and serve a meal for the guests of the shelter at East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM), 6140 Station St., 15206. Anyone can sign up to prepare or purchase a portion of the meal to bring to EECM at 6:00 p.m. that day, or just come to help serve the meal at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-45803586-novshelter>.
- **Camp Lutherlyn “Building for the Future” Campaign Continues** – St. Andrew has been participating in an ongoing campaign to raise money for Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA. Lutherlyn is a camp, beloved by generations in this area, which has been integral in supporting the faith of children, youth, and adults and forming leaders for the church’s mission. Their goal is to fund two new five-cabin villages, one of which will replace well-used cabins from 1958, and to renew and preserve the Steinger Memorial Amphitheater, and outdoor worship space. Lutherlyn is asking for commitments from individuals, families, foundations, and congregations to fund its initiatives, and *we will offer an opportunity to dedicate these commitments during worship on Sunday, November 19th*. Please continue to follow the fliers with your Sunday bulletins and prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to support the life-changing ministries of Lutherlyn, “A God-given place to be accepted, challenged, and sent.”
- **Compline Prayer Service, a Ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh, Sundays at 8:00 p.m. at Heinz Chapel** – Compline was traditionally a monastic prayer service, and the Pittsburgh Compline Choir sings a choral version of compline rooted in this thousand-year-old tradition of scripture, song, and silence. This service also streams on Facebook (Pittsburgh Compline Choir) and YouTube (The Pittsburgh Compline Choir). Heinz Chapel is located off of S. Bellefield Ave. in Oakland.

- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Sinai** – Local houses of worship have been gathering for an interfaith Thanksgiving service for many years and this year’s will be held at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh 15217 on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. Join members of Pittsburgh’s many faith communities in a gathering to reconnect us with one another. Light refreshments will be served.
- **Hearts and Hands, St. Andrew’s Crocheting and Knitting Ministry, Seeking New Participants and Meeting after Worship on Sunday, December 3rd** – Hearts and Hands crocheting and knitting ministry provides prayer blankets and shawls for people undergoing medical treatments, those who are mourning, Confirmants, and various others at significant times. Hearts and Hands will meet after worship on Sunday, December 3rd, to discuss and plan activities for 2024. Anyone interested in learning to crochet, as well as current knitters and crocheters who would like to participate are welcome. The first project for the crocheters will be a scarf to add to the collection described in the next announcement. All supplies, including yarn and hooks, will be provided to anyone who may need them.
- **Hearts and Hands and Community Ministry Committee Invite Congregation to Support Advent Appeal for Winter Accessories** – People of the congregation are asked to bring winter hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves to church during the Advent season (beginning December 3rd) to support immigrants and refugees arriving in Pittsburgh. These can be handmade (knitted, crocheted, or sewn) or purchased. We can also make them available in the little pantry and at our produce distributions. A collection box will be set up in the social hall to receive these donations.
- **Annual Meeting of the Congregation – Sunday, December 10th, after Worship** – The annual meeting of the congregation takes place in November or December each year. This meeting is the highest decision-making body in the congregation, and includes election of leaders to serve on the congregation’s leadership council, adoption of a budget for ministry for the upcoming year, and updates about big-picture considerations and long-term planning. All confirmed members of the congregation are eligible to vote, and no absentee or proxy votes can be accepted, so please plan to attend the meeting on Sunday, December 10th.
- ***Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets for October – December Available at Church Entrances** – This resource offers a daily Bible reading with a short reflection and prayer, along with additional readings and prayer topics for those who would like to expand their devotional practices. We encourage people of the congregation to take one for yourself, your family unit, or others!