

All Saint's Sunday — November 3, 2024
10:00am service with Holy Communion
The Reverend Ben Groth, Preaching and Presiding

Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship! If this is your first time here, please fill out the yellow welcome card in the pew and place it in the offering plate if you would like to be contacted by Pastor Ben, would like more information about the church, or would like to sign up for our weekly news email.

Restrooms: Our restrooms are located downstairs at the bottom of the stairways at the back of the sanctuary. There are signs about which side has the men's and women's restrooms. There are any-gender solo restrooms in the education wing, one of which has a changing table. Please knock and ensure no one else is inside!

Care and Prayer: If you would like to request prayer or speak with Pastor Ben about struggles, joys, or anything else, please feel free to email him at bgroth@1stlutherannb.org or call/text at 860-348-3966.

Children: We love having children in worship! At the front of the sanctuary there is a "pray ground" with lots of space to spread out and sit comfortably, some toys, and a great collection of books for different ages. All children and caretakers are welcome to use that space anytime during the service!

Volunteering: We have lots of opportunities at First Lutheran to volunteer and serve our community. Our Monday Morning Mingle free meal takes place from 8-9am each Monday, while our free Pasta Dinners take place from 5-6pm each Wednesday. Both of these programs can always use volunteers. If you'd like to help out, or are interested in helping with worship or other things at First Lutheran, please contact Pastor Ben.

Coffee Hour: After the service, please join us downstairs for donuts, coffee, and a chance to get to know one another better!

Gathering

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A brief silence.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

THE GATHERING HYMN # 482

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God,
C 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.

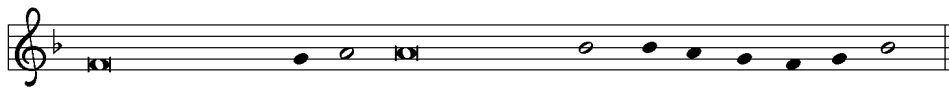
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



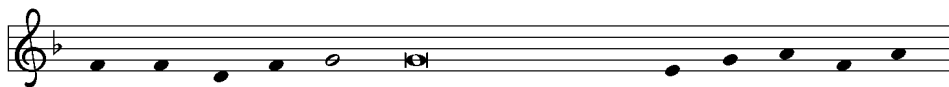
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



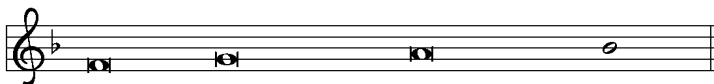
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A

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men.

Please be seated

The Word

THE FIRST READING

A A reading from Isaiah:

Isaiah 25:6-9

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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

Read Responsively

- A** ¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
- C** ²**For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**
- A** ³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?
- C** 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.**
- A** ⁵They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- C** ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- A** ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C** ⁸**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**
- A** ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C** ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

THE SECOND READING

A A reading from Revelation:

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;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And 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.

Please stand as able

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

☛ The Holy Gospel according to John:

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

☛ ³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

Pastor Ben

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY # 422

For All the Saints

HYMN ON NEXT PAGE

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with two parts and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are arranged in lines corresponding to the vocal melody. The score concludes with a double bar line.

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
 thine.
 strong. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess the Christian faith, using the words of the 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.**

THE PRAYERS

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

A brief silence.

A 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,

C receive our prayer.

A 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. Pray for our military especially Kevin, Wesley, Milland, Kienen and Shawn. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A 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 especially Pat, Cindy, Scott, Sandra, Jim, Jane and Harry. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you.

Pause after each name as a bell is rung

Shirley Pechout
 Jeffrey Merkle
 Nancy Lucia
 James Rinas
 Judith Christensen

With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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

C Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING IN REMEMBRANCE

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us.

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**The minister and congregation may greet one another
in the name of the Lord.**

P Peace be with you. **C** Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The offering is brought to the altar during the Offertory Response

Please stand as able

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God all crea-tures here be -
 low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Cre - a - tor, Praise the
 Son. Praise, praise the Spir - it, Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God

Meal


THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

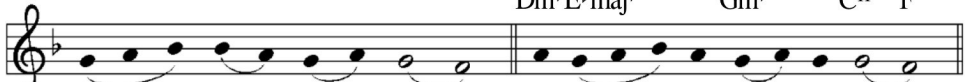
THE INITIAL DIALOG

F Dm⁷ Gm⁷




The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Dm⁷E^bmaj⁷ Gm⁷ C¹¹ F




Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


Dm⁷ E^bmaj⁷ Gm⁷ C¹¹ F




It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

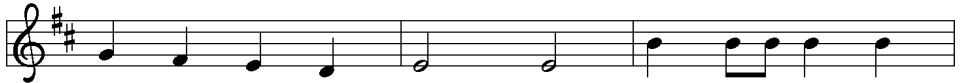
- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Here the pastor continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- ☑ **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.**

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

- ☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMN# 800

Spirit of God

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Please stand as able

Sending

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- G** Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- G** Amen

THE SENDING HYMN # 631

Love Divine

THE DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

*Thanks to
Worship Assistant
Nancy Peterson*

*Reader
Susan Bisaccia*

*Communion Assistant
Susan Bisaccia*

*and
Videographer
Eric Nilsson*

*for volunteering
to be a part of the service this morning*

People Power for 11/10/2024

*Worship Assistant - Gail Bates
Reader - Louise Patterson
Communion Assistant - Kris Fletcher*

calendar

- November 4** - Monday, 7-9am - Morning Mingle
- November 5** - Tuesday, 11pm - Cleaning Company
- November 5** - Tuesday, 5pm - AA Meeting
- November 6** - Wednesday, 1pm - Mission/Outreach
- November 6** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Come-As-You-Are Service
- November 6** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner
- November 6** - Wednesday, 5pm - AA Meeting
- November 6** - Wednesday, 6pm - Community Choir
- November 8** - Friday, 4pm - Cleaning Company
- November 10** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group
- November 10** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion
- November 11** - Monday, 7-9am - Morning Mingle
- November 12** - Tuesday, 1pm - Cleaning Company
- November 12** - Tuesday, 4pm - Worship & Arts
- November 12** - Tuesday, 5pm - AA Meeting
- November 12** - Tuesday, 7pm - Executive Meeting
- November 13** - Wednesday, 4:30pm - Come-As-You-Are Service
- November 13** - Wednesday, 5-6pm - Pasta Dinner
- November 13** - Wednesday, 5pm - AA Meeting
- November 13** - Wednesday, 6pm - Community Choir
- November 15** - Friday, 4pm - Cleaning Company
- November 17** - Sunday, 9:30am - Prayer Group
- November 17** - Sunday, 10am - Worship with Holy Communion
- November 17** - Sunday, 10:00am - Choir Sings
- November 18** - Monday, 7-9am - Morning Mingle
- November 19** - Tuesday, 1pm - Cleaning Company
- November 19** - Tuesday, 5pm - AA Meeting
- November 19** - Tuesday, 6:00pm - Bible Study
- November 19** - Tuesday, 7:00pm - Council Meeting



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Monday Morning Mingle 7am - 9am
 Clothing Rack - Wednesday - 4pm
 Worship Service - Wednesday 4:30pm - 5pm
 Pasta Dinner - Wednesday 5pm - 6pm
 Community Choir - Wednesday - 6pm

*Please call Marianne Farr
 for more information (860)-637-6460*

PRAYER LIST

Please note: Prayer names will remain for two weeks unless renewed in the church office. Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

Pat Brown; Cindy Pavano; Scott Johnson (Carol McQueeney);
 Sandra Quarello, Jim Mullin (Susan Bisaccia); Jane Landry (Jane
 Holmstrom); Harry (Sue Sonstrom).

Serving in the armed forces: Kevin Dubois; Wesley Givens
 (Beverly Walsh); Zack; Millind; Kienen Dyer (Barbara Pond); Shawn
 Dubois.

OUR VISION

First for what is first: Christ, our Lord
First in nurturing youth and families in faith
First with inspiring worship, fellowship and service
First by reaching out to all

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