

## First St. John Lutheran Church

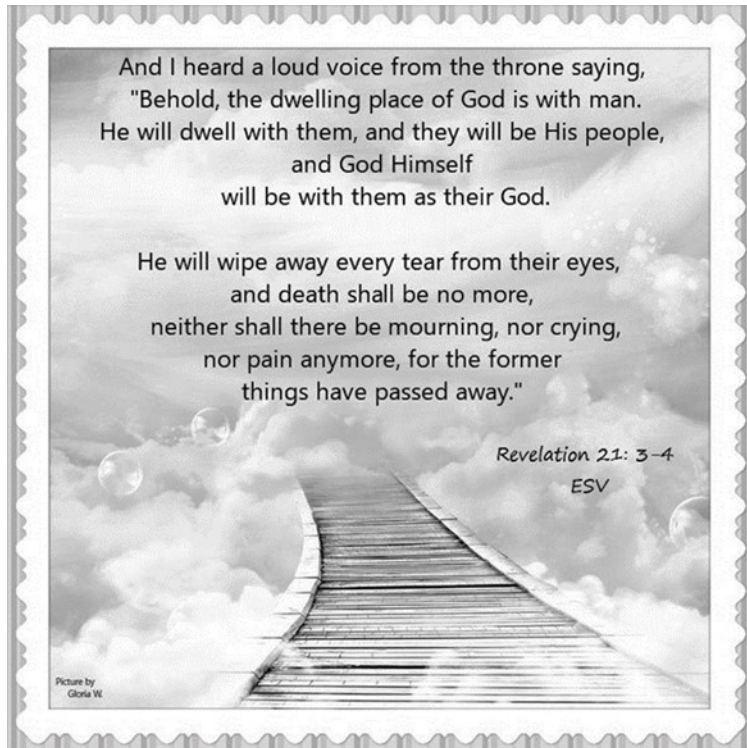
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**November 7, 2021**

**All Saints Sunday**

Welcome to First St. John Lutheran Church! We offer two services with Sunday School for youth and adults and catechism between the services. Our Sunday schedule is:

8:00 am	Early Worship
9:15 am	Sunday School / Catechism
10:30 am	Late Worship

Covid Guidelines: If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask. However, if you have not been vaccinated, please continue wearing a mask. We have some available near the entryway if you don't have one.

Livestream and Recorded Worship: We livestream the service on our church website at [www.firststjohn.com](http://www.firststjohn.com). Also, the service will be recorded and published to the website.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 am in the lounge (middle floor of the educational building – turn right out of the door by the choir loft).

Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet for Sunday School in the basement of the church (the JAM Room!).

Catechism Class: Class will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 am each Sunday.

Nursery is in the church basement and is currently unstaffed; you are welcome to sit with your child. A diaper changing table is available in the ladies restroom in the basement of the church.

Restrooms are in the church basement. Go to the Narthex (lobby) and take either set of steps to the basement hallway. The ladies room is at one end, and the men's room is at the other.

Flowers: If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a book in the Narthex (lobby) by the telephone. Or, you can call the church office during the week to check on availability.

Memorials: If you wish to give a memorial in honor or memory of a loved one, you may mail it in or pick up a memorial card in the church office or in the Narthex (lobby) and place it in the offering plate.

*Called through faith; Gathered in worship; Serving the community*

**November 7, 2021 - 10:30 am**

Prelude Dr. Pattin  
Ringing of the Bell (please stand as you are able)

Opening Song "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" No. 367

### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.

### Announcements

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*This reading focuses on the future day when the Lord will manifest sovereignty over the universe. On that day, the Lord will host a banquet for God's faithful subjects, symbolizing the Lord's dominion established on earth and the joy, companionship, and prosperity that will characterize the Lord's reign.*

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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 24**

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is the King of glory?**

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here John describes his vision of heaven, where the saints of God will live in light and glory. Of all the blessings found there, none will exceed that of simply being with God.*

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

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow  
And peace is understood.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Gospel according to St. John Chapter 11.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

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

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."

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

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

### **Gospel Response**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

SERMON

Sermon Hymn

*"For All the Saints"*

Pastor Rayl

No. 422 v. 1-5

*(Please stand)*

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

**The Offering** *(We are now passing the offering plates.)*

**Musical Offertory**      “*Guide My Feet, Lord*”      John Carter  
FSJ Chancel Choir

*(Please stand)*

**Offering Prayer**

P: 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. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for use in furthering your kingdom. Give us generous hearts and guide us in living as signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Intercessory Prayer** *(following each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*(Please be seated)*

**160th Anniversary Observance—First St. John Cemetery**

Bob Haar

**Litany for All Saints Sunday**

P: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,

**C: we glorify you.**

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

**C: we praise you.**

P: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

**C: we worship you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity (+) be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

**C: Praise be to Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

**Reading of the names of the departed:**

Phyllis F. Kelly  
Dorothy E. Laney  
Lucille K. “Teal” Paul  
Dolores E. Heilman  
Collin T. Folk  
Edith M. “Edie” Felhaber

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death, and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Make us certain that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come shall be able to separate us from the love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

**The Lord’s Prayer** *(prayed by all)*

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.

### **Blessing**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, (+) one God, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn  
Postlude

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

No. 434 v. 1-3  
Dr. Pattin

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## ***PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE***

### **ELDERS**

Ben Hodges, Matt Miller

### **SOUND BOARD**

Mark Ackerman



## ***Shoebox Gift Suggestions***

### **Crafts & Activities**

Pencils & Erasers, Crayons, Coloring books, Watercolor set, Playdough, Stickers, Jump rope, Make-it-yourself craft kit, Puzzles, Binoculars, Fishing kit, Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds), Magnets, Playing cards, Chalkboard and chalk

### **Personal Care Items**

Comb, Hair Brush, Toothbrush, Washcloth, Bandages (colorful), Cup, Water bottle, Plate, Bowl, Bracelets, Sunglasses, Non-liquid lip balm, Flashlight (solar powered or hand crank; if battery operated please include extra batteries), Stick deodorant (for ages 10-14)

### **Clothing & Accessories**

Shirt, Pants, Underwear, Purse, Shoes & Socks, Flip-flops, Hats, Scarves, Mittens, Wristwatch, Hair bows, Tote bag, Bead jewelry kit, Hair clips, ribbons, or bands, Bandana

### **Toys**

Foam Ball, Finger puppets, Slinky, Etch a Sketch, Interactive toys with push buttons (include extra batteries), Tennis Ball, Play cars/trucks/boats, Plastic dinosaurs, Yo-yo, Small Frisbee, Costume jewelry, Hacky sack, Kaleidoscope

### **A "Wow" Item**

Doll, Stuffed Animal, Harmonica, Outfit of clothing, Soccer ball, Football, Toy cars, Baseball & mitt

### **School Supplies**

Pencils, Small manual pencil sharpener, Markers, Solar-powered calculator, Blank index cards, Safety (blunt tip) scissors, Pencil case, Glue stick (non-liquid), Ruler

**2021 POINSETTIA SALE**  
SPONSORED BY THE ALTAR GUILD



It's time to order your Christmas poinsettias that will decorate the church on Christmas Eve. Fill out the order blank below and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 5<sup>h</sup>. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks to: **First St. John Lutheran**

*Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.*

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Number of plants @ \$12.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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In Loving Memory of (Deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of (Living) \_\_\_\_\_

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*November 7, 2021*

*ALL SAINTS SUNDAY*

**Sing Through the Tears**

Most of us here have lost a loved one--a grandparent, parent, child, sibling, spouse, colleague, or friend. The sting of death is sharp and our whole world seems to change as we face deep grief and loss.

All three readings today include the image of tears. The death of Lazarus brings profound grief to Mary, Martha, and Jesus. Their weeping reveals the depth of their love for Lazarus, and the anguish of their loss. The readings from Isaiah and Revelation give a vision of a day when there will be no more mourning, crying and pain, for God will comfort us and wipe away the tears from our faces.

Sometimes we say that people in the midst of deep grief are "doing well" when they are holding together and not breaking down with tears or emotion. So often we in our society cover over our feelings, and try to sanitize death. In contrast, some people experience or remember the custom of actually placing dirt on the coffin at the gravesite, a custom that helps make death real. Perhaps the finality of the ritual and the accompanying tears are a healthy part of the grieving and letting go.

As we celebrate the eucharist, the saints of God are present with us in a "holy communion." Our meal is a foretaste of the great feast on the mountain promised by the prophet Isaiah. Even amid life's losses, the home of God is made with us and in us.

We sing with all the people of God of the great feast of victory, the resurrection of Christ in which death, sin, and evil are destroyed and life is made new. We sing through our tears, knowing we are one with the saints of all ages, and that nothing can separate us from the promise God makes to us in holy baptism and will bring to completion at our own death.