

All Saints Day

November 1, 2020 10:30 AM



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)

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In-Person Worship TODAY at 3:00 PM. Please bring your own chairs. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Limited bathroom usage. Please use discretion. **Please RSVP** here so that we can plan for attendance.

Online Pledge Form: Our primary mode of collecting 2021 Financial Stewardship Pledges will be online. Please fill out the Online Pledge Form https://forms.gle/9X3dVQkh6J8MCU5v9. You may also submit the paper pledge card in person to the church office.

ALCM Virtual Christmas Carol: All musicians—singers and instrumentalists—are invited to join Lutherans across the country in making a video of "Angels We Have Heard on High" for use in Christmas services around the country this year. For more information and to participate click here. Videos must be submitted by **November 8**.

Holiday Recipes: This year we can't gather to share a meal but we are putting together a Christmas/holiday recipe collection to share with one another. If you have a favorite recipe--please share it with Pastor Blake by **November 9.**

Transition Town Hall on **November 9 and 17 at 7:00 PM.** Anticipating Pastor Moore's upcoming retirement, our congregation will be in transition. Come with your questions, thoughts, and concerns to a Town Hall meeting as we begin this process.

Confirmation: We will confirm four youth--Lindsey Bresnahan, Chelsea Hynes, Erik Noble, and Thomas Young--on Sunday, **November 15 at 3:00 PM** during the outside service. In the case of inclement weather, the service will be confirmands and their immediate family only inside. Please pray for our confirmands.

Advent at Home: We are preparing resources for you to engage in the season of Advent at home: devotional book, Advent calendar, Advent crafts, and more. To have this resource brought to your home, sign up here by **November 20**.

Synod Youth Retreat: This year's synod youth retreat will be all online **November 20-21**. All youth, 6-12th grade are welcome! For more information and to register click <u>here</u>.

Hymnal Supplement: The ELCA has produced a hymnal supplement. If you would like to purchase a personal copy or donate toward the cost of the congregation purchase, please contact the church office. The cost is \$12.50 per copy. For more information click here.

Christmas Trees: We are looking to borrow well-kept, green artificial Christmas trees for use in producing Advent & Christmas videos. This would be a loan NOT a donation—you can have your trees back. We would want them by early November and can return them to you by **December 16**. If you have a possible tree to loan us, please contact the church office.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. Make tax-deductible donations to the Relief Fund here, by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints in glory. For the noble band of the prophets. For the glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed army of martyrs. For all holy women and holy men—our forebears in the faith. Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 422 For All the Saints

Verses 1, 3, 5, 6



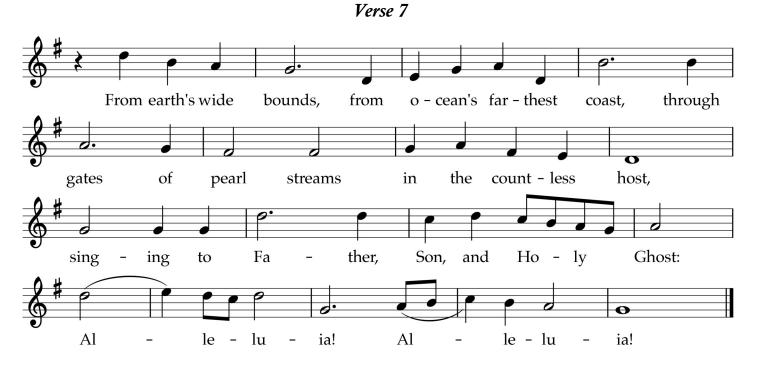
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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 422 For All the Saints



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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 him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

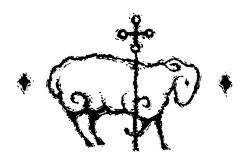
the sun will not strike them,

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."

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 34 ELW 493 Taste and See



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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 him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. 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."

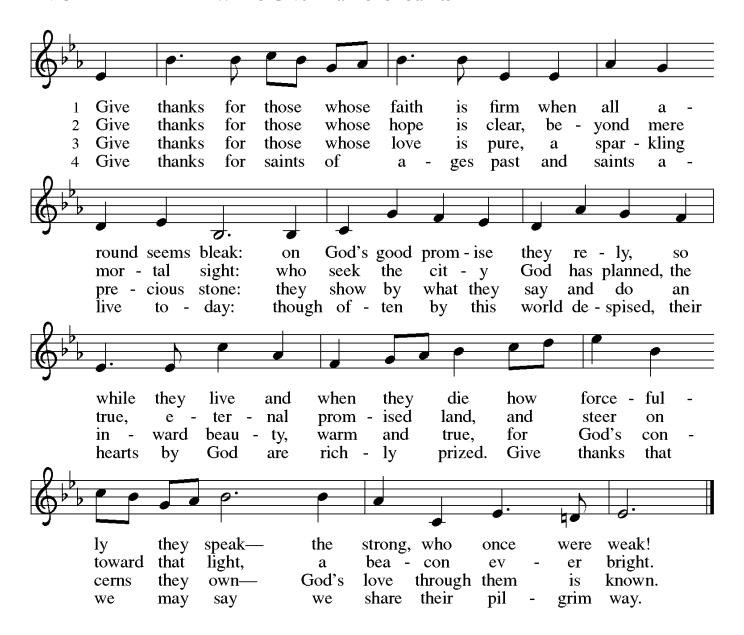
The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Gladys G. Moore

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 428 Give Thanks for Saints



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NICENE CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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.



REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Who are these arrayed in white? These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb.

They are before the throne of God,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

In the new Jerusalem there will be no need for sun or moon,

for the glory of the Lord will be its light.

Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation

and they worship God night and day.

The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them.

God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

The names of those saints who have entered life eternal in the past year

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE DEFORE US.

MEDITATION Setting of St. Catherine's Court

By Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)

Danita Bauer, Gerard Schmidt, Paul Nedde, Andrew Rhode, Frances Psomas, Madeline Haid, Walter Haid, Alfred Welte, Dorothy Magalla, Brenda Thomas, Nathaniel Lawson, Henry Stubing, Thomas Page, Lorraine Fricke, Anna Wilson, Gerald Spice, Christina Stewart, Doris Boyd, Don Maehl, Richard Brode, Philip Gehring, Millie Connelly, Brian Tierney

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please stand.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God;

there shall no torment or malice touch them.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

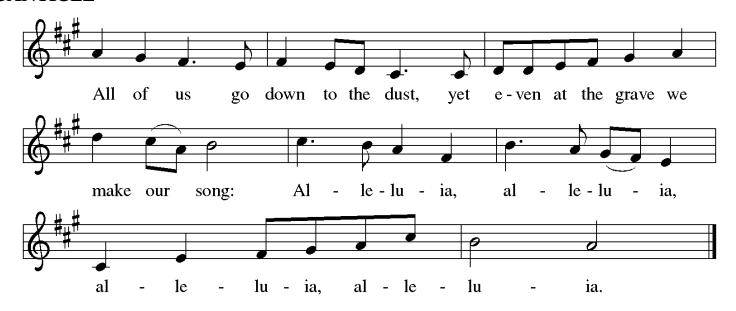
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

CANTICLE



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

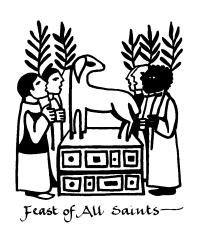
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.





Please be seated.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC "Pie Jesu" (from the *Requiem, in D Minor,* Op.48)

By Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Johna Miller, soprano

Pie Jesu Domine, Gracious Lord Jesus, dona eis requiem sempiternam. grant them eternal rest.

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your saints and servants who have lived justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For all your saints, O Lord, thanks be to you.

For all the high and holy ones, who have done wonders and been shining lights in the world, we give you thanks. For all your saints, O Lord, thanks be to you.

For all the meek and lowly ones, who have earnestly sought you in the darkness, held fast to their faith in times of trial, and done good as they have had opportunity, we give you thanks. For all your saints, O Lord, thanks be to you.

Especially we give thanks for those whom we have known and loved, who, by their patient obedience and self-denial, steadfast hope and helpfulness in trouble, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. For all your saints, O Lord, thanks be to you.

As they have comforted and upheld our souls, grant us grace to follow in their steps, and at last to share with them in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us—Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**





Text: John L. Bell, b.1949 and Graham Maule, b. 1958; © 1996, WGRG, c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR; Irish melody

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Sine Nomine*

By Richard Heschke (1939–2016)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: https://zoom.us/j/753360733

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523165763

Worship Live Stream at **10:30 AM** on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ Worship bulletins are located: https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins.

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- On All Saints Sunday, we **remember saints** who have died.
- We also **celebrate saints who are living** and still doing God's work!

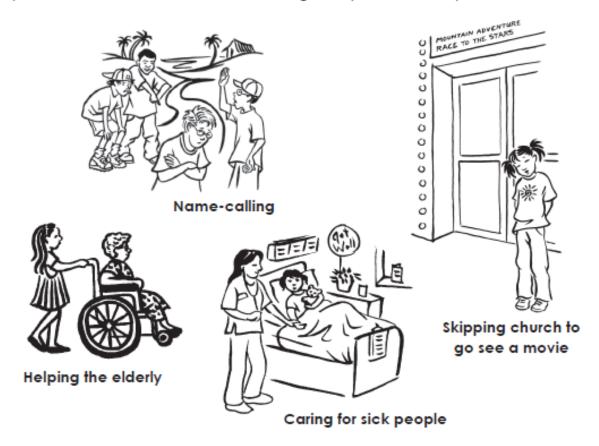
Remembering Saints

Write the name on the candles of saints living and dead to celebrate and remember them.



Saint or Sinful

Saints are people who do God's work and share God's love. Look at the pictures below and decide who is being saintly. Color those pictures.



In different faith traditions, All Saints Day can be called different names. Circle all the names you think All Saints Day could also be called.



Thanksgiving

Lent

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

ALL HALLOWS



How Can YOU Be a Saint?

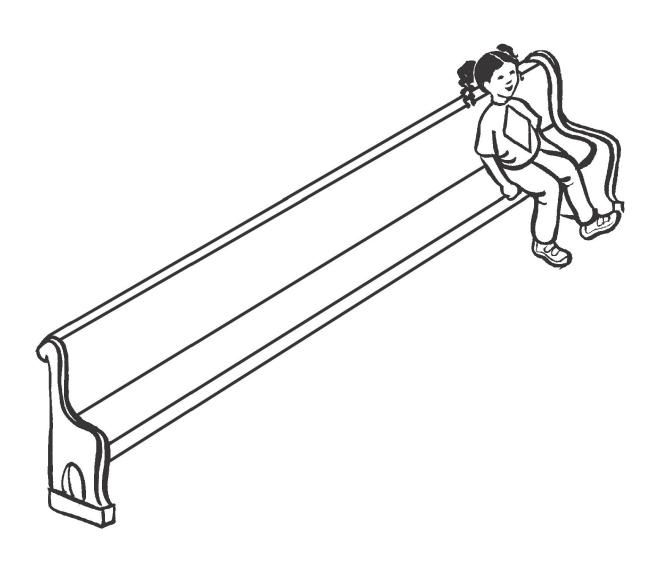
Saints are people who live faithful lives serving God. How can you be a saint? Think of a way to serve God and others in each of these different places:

At your family dinner table				
In the classroom				
Riding the bus				
On the playground				
Shopping at the mall				



Saints Near You

All Saints Day celebrates saints who are dead but also saints who are living! Look around you and draw a picture of all the people who are saints. Your pastor? Your friend? Your sibling?





PRE-READER

All Saints Day

- Today is All Saints Day.
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- We also celebrate saints who are living and still doing God's work!

Often we draw saints with a glowing halo, to show that they are people who shine Jesus' light. Give each of these saints a halo.







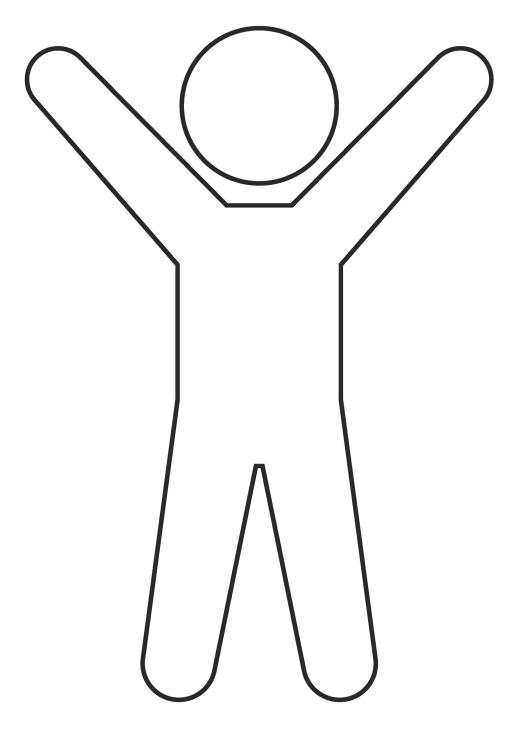






A saint is someone who shares God's word and God's work. Who is someone you know who is a saint?

Draw them below.





Today is All Saints Day.

Circle the pictures that rhyme with SAINT.



On All Saints Day, we remember saints by lighting candles. Can you see candles in your church today?

For each candle you see, light a candle below.

