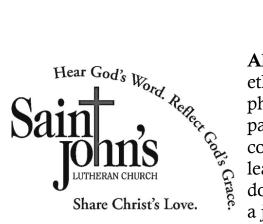


All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-

racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

To assist you during worship: Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Offerings: St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen.

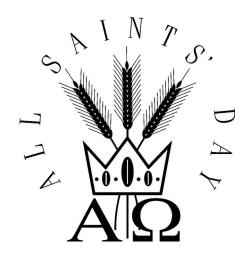
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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.



Prayer Before Worship

In life and in death you bless us, O God. When trouble overwhelms us, you save us. When sorrow overtakes us, you comfort us. When death overcomes us, you overcome death and raise us to new life. You promise us joy everlasting and, even now, give us glad hope and glimpses of your realm, which is to come when Christ makes all things new. For calling us your children and bestowing upon us such great love, we give you thanks, in Jesus' name. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book
ACS All Creation Sings: Purple Book

PRELUDE Prelude on *Iam sol recedit igneus*

Bruce Simonds

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead,

Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

They are before the throne of God,

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

GATHERING HYMN ELW 422 For All the Saints



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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



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.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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;

¹⁷ for 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 98:1, 6-7 O Sing to the Lord a New Song

Jane Marshall

Children's Choir

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

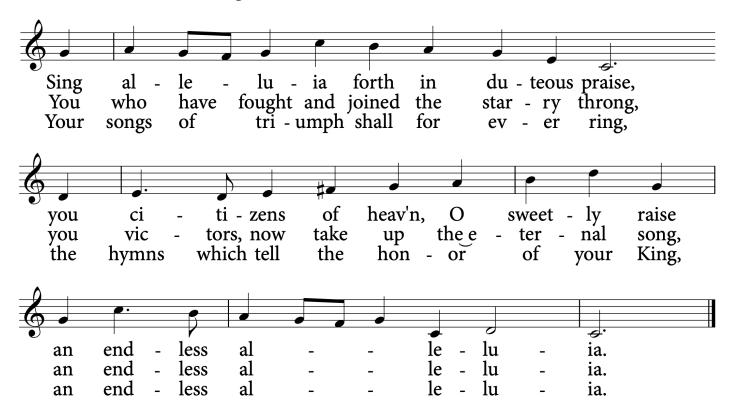
SECOND READING 1 John 3:1–3

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 PROCESSION Sing Alleluia Forth in Duteous Praise



Words: Latin, 5th-8th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940* Music: *Martins*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

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.

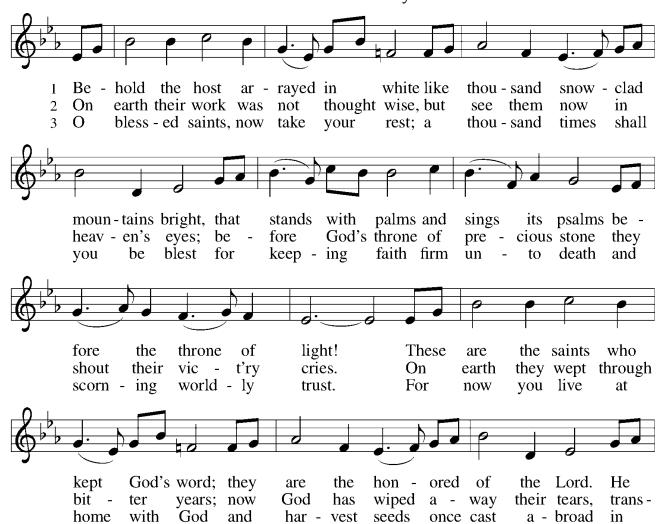
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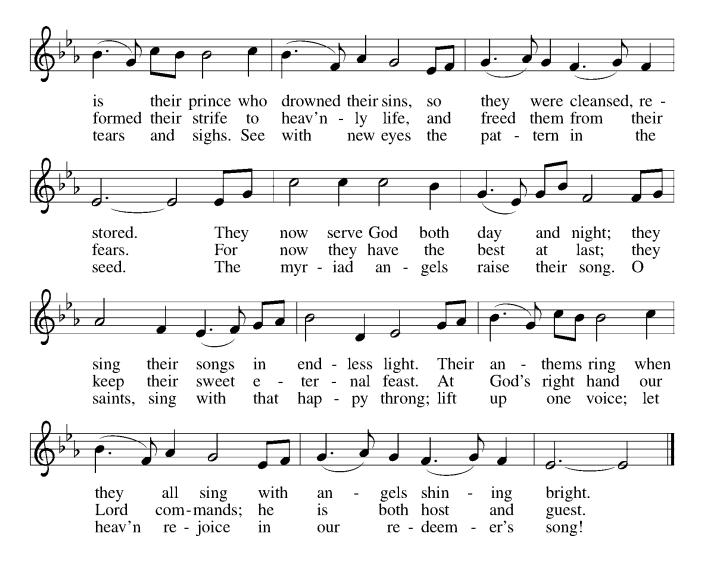
SERMON

The Rev. Heidi Neumark

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 425 Behold the Host Arrayed in White





Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907

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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.

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 since last All Saints:

Shirley Paulson, Hedwig T. "Hedy" Stark, Helga Welte, Linda Espeland, Paula J. Meckey, Arthur O. F. Bauer, Charlie Connelly

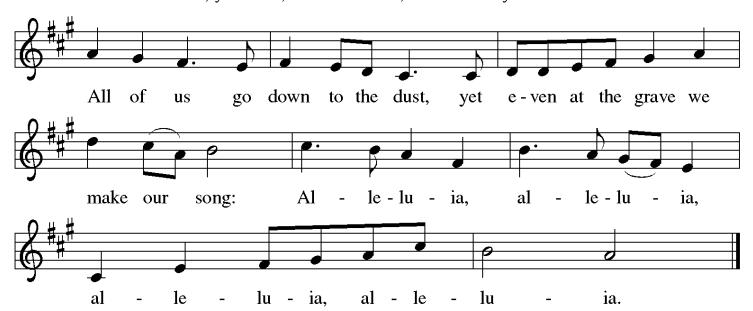
Viola Mildred Bishop, Luc Calis, Valerie Ellis, Christian & Helga Eschweiler, Arlene Gridley, Joet Hart, John T. Hartner, Patricia Kaczmarski, Egon A. Klingel, Geraldine Lavery, Carole Massiah, Donna Milton, John Santoro, Paul W. Schmalz, Alzia Simpson, Ruth Louise Roberts Snyder, Tamara M. "Tammy" Tobitsch, Maureen Venitelli, Greg Young Additional names be spoken as the bell continues to toll.

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

KONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED ELW 223 All of Us Go Down to the Dust *Verses sung by the choir. Refrain sung by all.*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. *R*

You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes; And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return. For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." *R*



Music: Mark Mummert, b. 1965 Music © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code



OFFERING MUSIC All Saints

Joel Martinson

As grains of sand, as stars, as drops of dew, numbered and treasured by the Almighty hand, the saints triumphant throng that holy land where all things and Jerusalem are new.

We know not half they sing or half they do, but this we know, they rest and understand; while like a conflagration freshly fanned their love glows upward, outward, tho' and thro'. Lo! Like a stream of incense launched on flame fresh Saints stream up from death to life above, to shine among those others and rejoice: what matters tribulation whence they came? All love and only love can find a voice where God makes glad all saints, for God is Love.

Christina Rosetti



OFFERING HYMN ELW 426 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo ry, sing the res ur rec tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing all that eye has yet per-ceived!
- 3 Life e ter nal! heav'n re joic es: Je sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con-ceived. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits. Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won-ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter - nal gates. when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt. Music: MISSISSIPPI, William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947 Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.

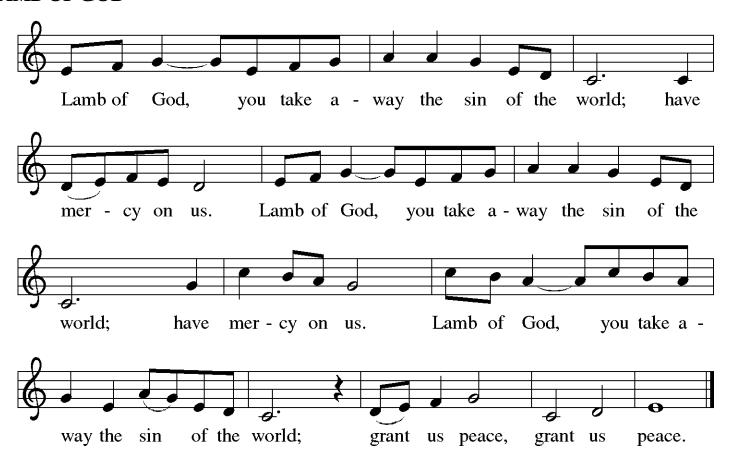
The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.

Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.

Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation



- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One



she his new a - tion by cre her char - ter of sal va - tion one schisms. . rent by a sund - er, by waits the con-sum - ma - tion of she mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with and

wa - ter and the word. Lord, one faith, one birth: her - e - sies dis - tressed, peace for - ev - er - more; those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and one ho - ly name she yet saints their watch are till with the vi - sion Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly

sought her bride: to be his ho - ly bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, goes up: "How keep - ing; their cry long?" glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, cho - rus! Lord, save by your us grace,



blood with his bought her, and for life died. he her he own hope press - es grace and to one she with ev - 'ry en - dued. weep - ing shall soon the night of be morn and the of song. the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at and rest. be - fore that we, like saints us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

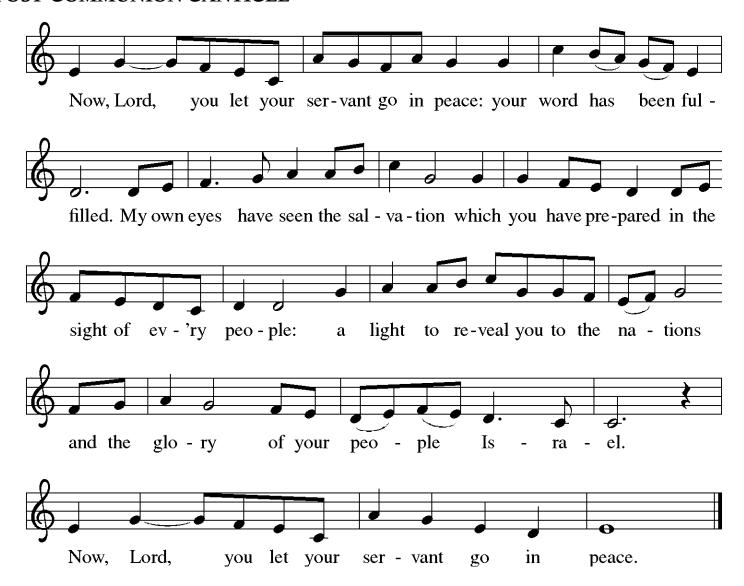
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Please stand.

BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one in Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

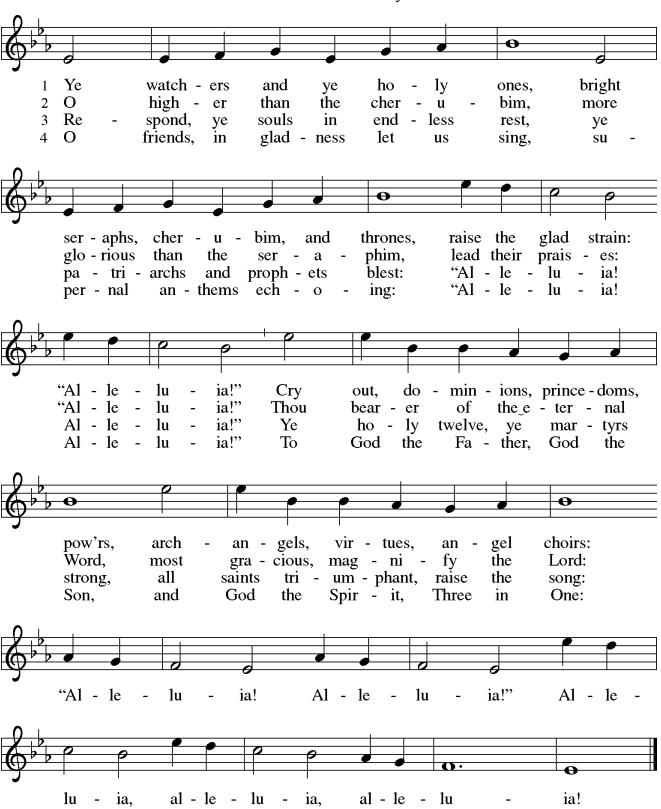
BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks and praise to God.

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—Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 424 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Flourish for an Occasion

William Henry Harris



November 5, 2023

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joan Patterson Hartmann by Beverly Sharpe.

Children's Choir TODAY at 9:30 AM and Faith Formation at 10:00 AM. All children are welcome. Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings or Deacon Walker for more information.

Confirmation, TONIGHT at 5:30 PM.

ASP 2024: We are heading to a county in Virginia June 30–July 6, 2024! Interested youth (at least 13 years old and graduated 8th grade by the time of the trip) as well as potential adult leaders/chaperones, see or email Laura Snyder, ASP Coordinator: njsnyders5@verizon.net.

We need food donations for our fellowship time: Store-bought or homemade—baked goods/bagels, fruit/veggies, and cheese & crackers are just some ideas. See the weekly email to sign up.

Family Promise Collection, through November 19: We are collecting at least 100 cleaning items to support homeless families. Bring in items such as: disinfectant wipes/spray, dish soap, sponges, toilet cleaner, kitchen spray cleaner, bathroom cleaners, and window cleaner.

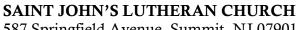
Forum, November 12 at 9:00 AM: Leaders from SAGE Eldercare will share information about their Meals on Wheels program which our congregation has long supported and provides vital feeding ministry throughout our community.

Meal Prep for Summit Warm Hearts: We will be making meals to freeze on **Sunday, November 12** immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Contact Jama Bowman if you are interested in joining us or helping us to cover the cost of these meals.

The Summit Interfaith Council Anti-Racism Committee is having a virtual book discussion on *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation* by Linda Villarosa on **Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 PM.** See the weekly email to register.

We are having a Christmas Market on December 2 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM to support the Bethlehem Builds affordable housing project. There will be many outside craft vendors set up. Our congregation also plans to have a large array of items for sale with all profits going to Bethlehem Builds. Here's how you can help: Donations of Christmas crafts, baked goods for the bake sale, Christmas wrap, bows, tissue paper, bags, tape, volunteers to help prepare sale items, set-up, clean-up, and work the event. Please contact Jane Bowman if you are interested.





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