

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Children’s Sermon:** *Pastor Eric Hanson*

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**Hymn of the Day & Offering:**

*Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you’d like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children’s coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.*

*“In Christ Alone”*

**V1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground. Firm through the fiercest drought & storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all; Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**V2: In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe; This gift of love & righteousness. Scorned by the ones He came to save; ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**V3: There in the ground, His body lay; Light of the world, by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day. Up from the grave, He rose again; And as He stands in victory; Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**V4: No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny; No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand; No power of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand. ‘Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.**

**Offertory Response:** *“Give Thanks” (ushers bring offerings forward)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.**

**Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.**

**Let the poor say, “I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us”. Give thanks.**

**Offertory Prayer:**

L: Let us pray,

**C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Remembering of the Saints:**

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: God is my shepherd, leading me to green pastures and still waters. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: You prepare a table for me; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

**C: I will fear no evil; for you are with me.**

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

P: We remember today the saints from our own community who now take hold of their baptismal promises & dwell in the house of the Lord forever: Ella Hadler, Dolly Mensink, Nancy Nord, & Betty Johnson. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life,

**C: And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

**Lighting Candles of Remembrance**

*Today we light candles in our remembrance of the saints. Each candle represents the light of Christ still burning in our loved ones who have passed away. The Paschal candle is also lit as a reminder of the unextinguishable fire of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us in our baptisms. The congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of loved ones who have passed on to claim their baptismal promises.*

**Nicene Creed:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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.**

**The Prayers:** *(call and response)*

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.* 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, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, & heal any who are suffering especially Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Jean Alms, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Colton Zimdars, Jerry Siems, & Steve Pabst. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship & hospitality. Strengthen the hands & hearts of all who prepare & serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you: Ella Hadler, Dolly Mensink, Nancy Nord, & Betty Johnson. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

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

**Sharing the Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

**The Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer:**

**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.**

**Meal and Hymns:** *(you may be seated)*

*All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.*

*Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.*

*“In Heaven Above” #630*

**Vs 1:** In heav’n above, in heav’n above, where God our Father dwells: how boundless there the blessedness!  
No tongue its greatness tells. There face to face, and full and free,  
the everliving God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!

**Vs 2:** In heav’n above, in heav’n above, what glory deep and bright!  
The splendor of the noonday sun grows pale before its light. The mighty sun that goes not down,  
before whose face clouds never frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!

**Vs 3:** In heav’n above, in heav’n above, no tears of pain are shed, for nothing there can fade or die;  
life’s fullness round is spread, and like an ocean, joy o’er flows,  
and with immortal mercy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!

**Vs 4:** In heav’n above, in heav’n above, God has a joy prepared, which mortal ear has never heard,  
nor mortal vision shared, which never entered mortal thought,  
in mortal dreams was never sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

*“Behold the Hosts Arrayed In White” #425*

**Vs 1:** Behold a host arrayed in white like thousand snow-clad mountains bright, that stands with palms and  
sings its psalms before the throne of light! These are the saints who kept God’s word; they are the honored  
of the Lord. He is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, restored. They now serve  
God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light. Their anthems ring when they all sing with  
angels shining bright.

**Vs 2:** On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in heaven’s eyes; before God’s throne of  
precious stone they shout their vict’ry cries. On earth they wept through bitter years; now God has wiped  
away their tears, transformed their strife to heav’nly life, and freed them from their fears. For now they  
have the best at last; they keep their sweet eternal feast. At God’s right hand our Lord commands; he is  
both host and guest.

**Vs 3:** O blessed saints, now take your rest; a thousand times shall you be blest for keeping faith firm unto death  
and scorning worldly trust. For now you live at home with God and harvest seeds once cast abroad in tears  
and sighs. See with new eyes the pattern in the seed. The myriad angels raise their song. O saints, sing  
with that happy throng; lift up one voice; let heav’n rejoice in our redeemer’s song!

**Communion Prayer:** P: Let us pray,

**C:** God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ’s body and blood,  
our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one  
we have received: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing:** *(Please stand as you are able)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *“Soon & Very Soon” #439*

**Vs 1:** Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

**Vs 2:** No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

**Vs 3:** No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

**Vs 4:** Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King. 3X Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Dismissal:** P: Go in peace, be Christ’s hands and feet for the next generation. **C: Thanks be to God!**

# Welcome

We’re Glad You’re Here

**St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson**

**All Saints Sunday**

**9:30AM • November 3, 2024**

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**Prelude:** *“Can You Hear Me Whisper” led by Michelle Matthees*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greeting:** *(please stand)* P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God **C: Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(Confession Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther)*

P: We confess our sins together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Beloved God, our mothers and fathers and spiritual forebears taught us of your love and mercy. They  
taught us too that we do not always love as you would have us love. They taught us we do not always  
live as you would have us live. As they leaned on your mercy and grace to make them new, we ask that  
you would make us new. Forgive us and help us to pass your promises of love, grace, and mercy on to  
our children in all that we say and do. Amen.

P: Friends, hear the good news! God’s promises of forgiveness and renewal are passed down from generation  
to generation. In Jesus Christ you are saved and made new. Live as people who are set free. **C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *“For All the Saints” #422 Vs: 1, 3, 6*

**V1:** 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!

**V3:** O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win  
with them the victor’s crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**V6:** The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Let us pray together

**C:** God of compassion, By the power of God, Elijah provided bread and oil for the widow and her house  
hold. By faith in God, the widow provided food and water for Elijah. Give us hearts to love one another,  
so that in providing and in receiving, we too, might experience the unimaginable power of God,  
through the one who has provided life itself, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Praise for the Word:** *“Shall We Gather At The River” #423 Vs 1, Refrain*

**Verse 1:** Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:** Yes, we’ll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

**The Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.