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All Saints' Day

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*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church exists by the grace of God to be the body of Christ in Holbrook. Therefore, we proclaim God's word to the world, teach the faithful, administer the sacraments, and show the love of Christ in care for our community.
Welcome! Every person who comes to worship is a special gift from God. Thank you for being with us today!*

Serving in God's house

Presiding Minister: Rev. George Kirkup
Readers: Lennox Debra (9 AM),
Organist: Doreen Leonard

Stand

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 676:1-2

- 1 Behold a host, arrayed in white, like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand; who is this band before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame, who from the great affliction came
And in the flood of Jesus' blood are cleansed from guilt and shame.
They now serve God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring as they all sing with angels shining bright.
- 2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; but now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, a priestly band, God's throne forever near.
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.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, the heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, at festive board Himself is host and guest.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P Upon this your confession, I... forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 31

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.**

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Glory be to God on high:

G and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Sit

A The First Reading for the Feast of All Saints is from the Revelation to St. John, chapter seven.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations

and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with chains

and their nobles with fetters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

A The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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Sit

For All the Saints

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- 1 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!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, 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!

SERMON

“Living Like Kings”

Stand

OFFERTORY

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Edward Koenig
David St. Louis
David Anthony Spengler
Elizabeth M. Armstrong
Grayce Mary Canone

November 19, 2002
December 9, 2022
January 29, 2023
May 8, 2023
May 22, 2023

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

LORD’S PRAYER

COLLECT TO RECEIVE THE WORD

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

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- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, in whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, the fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, all that we can desire:
- 4 May ev’ry heart confess Your name, forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame to seek You more and more!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
The Lord bless you. The Lord keep you. Alleluia. Amen

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true body and blood. In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant will examine himself and come to the Lord's Table seeking forgiveness of sins. As the catechism says, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" Therefore, we expect all communicants to have been baptized, instructed in the Christian faith, repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus here offers His true body and blood for their forgiveness.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet right and salutary ... evermore praising God and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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PAULINE BENEDICTION



IN OUR PRAYERS: Joyce Barbagallo, Barbara, Terry Stapleton, Melissa Krause, Kathy Cecere, Richie & Tara Grey, Bruce, Richie LaPresti, Lenora Debra, Linda Konecny, Patricia DiBrico, Barbara Gerke, Zachary Pompee, Ralph Ciniglio

CHURCH MEMBERS: Paul Cataldo, John Wimmer, Rich & Betty Kuerner, Gene Maceiko, MaryAnne Boucher, Arlene Enz

OUR SHUT-INS: Charles & Ethel Nenstiel

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Jonathan Swedborg (Rangers), Mark Kummer (USN), Kristine Broger (USA), Michael Deck (USAF), Patrick Ullrich (USA)

OUR CHILDREN: Andrew Zeo, Liam Balroop, Thomas Cataldo, Mars Crowley

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S: Millie Laub, Ciece Laub, Esther Laub, Nancy Cataldo, Valerie Lake, Rebecca Shannon, Erin Nicole Kuerner, Ken Skjeveland, Bonnie Krumsiek, Jacquelyn Berntsen, Frank Sandmeyer, Balmick Persaud, Beth Laine Mattarella, Bob Selkirk, Carolyn Gronlund, Shirley Koenig

Tuesday – 10:00AM Bible Study
Tuesday – 6:30PM Confirmation Class

Saturday - 9:00AM Craft Fair

Our next Congregational Meeting is on Sun. November 19 at 12PM.

We are looking for nominees for congregational officers and Nursery School board members. We especially need a congregational treasurer. If you have a nomination or would like more information please see Lennox Debra, Diane LaFurno, or Pastor.