

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEWARD, NEBRASKA

PROCLAIM AND PRACTICE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 5, 2023
8:30 a.m.



Pastor David Rempfer, Preaching
Pastor Scott Bruick, Presiding
St. John Adult Choir and Instruments
Paul Soulek, Director of Music

+ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532, J.S. Bach
Calvin Rohde, organ

Stand

HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring, LSB 822
stanzas 1-2

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*The rite of commemoration is read at the Baptismal font.
The Paschal candle is lit, symbolizing the light of Christ which unites the faithful of every time and place.*

P Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end.

Sit

P We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

Refrain (sung first by the choir, then by all)

All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we make our song:
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Pearl Langevin, 2-6-09

Thomas H. Langevin, 10-31-22

Marna Marie Grubb, 11-6-22

Jean Louise Bangert, 11-7-22

David Paul Meyer, 11-23-22

Lon Arthur Jungemann, 11-27-22

Janet Ruth Duffek, 11-29-22

C *Refrain*

Richard Henry "Dick" Stillahn, 12-2-22

Terry Leo Imig, 12-5-22

Cornelius A. "Cornie" Sheehan, 1-22-23

Eugene Robert "Gene" Rathjen, 1-30-23

Joann Helen Martens, 1-31-23

Maureen Sue Sperling, 2-6-23

Nathan Paul Ristvedt, 2-13-23

C *Refrain*

Joann Kay Tonniges, 2-15-23

Lois Ann Bickel, 2-15-23

Joe D. Zavitka, 2-20-23

Darlene M. Zimmer, 3-25-23

Marion Mae Stork, 3-31-23

Eleanor Caroline Langefeld, 4-1-23

Wanda Joyce Birkett, 4-2-23

C *Refrain*

Verla Jeanne Jungemann, 4-2-23

Alfred H.F. "Al" Suhr, 4-4-23

Clayton Dale Kent, 4-16-23

Ruth E. Glaess, 4-30-23

Shirley Ann Meyer, 6-21-23

Ruth A. Gerler, 6-21-23

Joan Helen Wittrock, 6-30-23

C *Refrain*

Kathy Ann Hill, 7-19-23

Dick Leslie Miers, 7-27-23

Carl Henry Everts, 8-7-23

Roy Dwayne Ehrlich, 8-13-23

Larry G. Zimmelmann, 8-24-23

Betty Jane Hayes, 9-22-23

Gary Wayne Pomerence, 10-20-23

C *Refrain*

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring, LSB 822
stanzas 3-4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the grace to live as those who have been made holy by the blood of the Lamb, that we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹...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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵"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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Alleluias are sung first by the choir, **then repeated four times by the congregation.**

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON

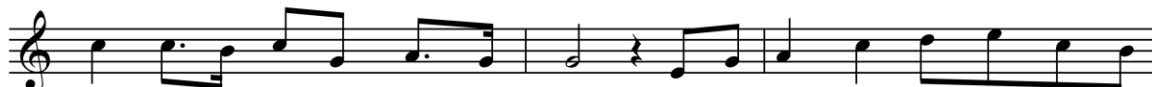
Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Faith



1 By faith we see the hand of God; In the
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth, with the
 3 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 4 By faith the church was called to go; in the
 5 By faith this mount - ain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign In the lives of those who prove His
 power of His pro - mise in their hearts of a Ho - ly Ci - ty built by
 longed for Mess - i - ah would a - ppear with the power to break the chains of
 power of the Spi - rit to the lost; To de - li - ver cap - tives and to
 power of the Gos - pel shall pre - vail; for we know in Christ all things are



faith - ful - ness; who walk by faith and not by sight. *to Stanza 2*
 God's own hand; a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *to Refrain*
 sin and death and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. *to Stanza 4*
 preach good news, in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *to Refrain*
 poss - i - ble for all who call u - pon His name. *to Refrain*

Refrain



We will stand as child-ren of the prom-ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward. Till the



race is fin-ished and the work is done; We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Specific prayer concerns are listed on page 7.

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CHORAL OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning, setting by Philip Gehring

OFFERING NOTES

Financial gifts may be given using the baskets as you exit the sanctuary or during the week through the dropbox outside the west entry. Visit StJohnSeward.org for electronic options. Thank you for your support!

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB pp. 194 ff.

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MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

If you would like to join the choir in singing *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*, come to the balcony as the distribution is ending. Music is provided.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers, LSB 515

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White, LSB 676

For All the Saints, LSB 677 **stanzas 1-6**

As the distribution is ending:

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come, Paul Manz (choir)

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, almighty God, who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints, LSB 677
stanzas 7-8

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D major, BWV 532, J.S. Bach
Calvin Rohde, organ

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA – TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY +

Health Concerns

President Richard Snow; Sue Reetz; Pastor Art Schauer

Long-term Health Concerns

Delbert Meyer; Bill Preuss; Barb Springer; Susan Biel; Gene Gausman; Steve Hartmann; Iva Mae Roettjer; Rosemary Everts; Pam Hall; Dean Gocke; Jay Seitsinger; Neal Bork (brother of Ron Bork); Nancy Wolfe (sister of Joyce Sheehan); Bill von Kampen; Linda Sloup; Ronnie Ouellette (son of Dean Ouellette); Linda Eklund (sister-in-law of Julie McMeekin); Tom Ruppert; Dave Wood; Kobe Goodwin (great-nephew of Tammy Goodwin); Steve Lutringer (son of Emma Lutringer); Tracy Rumery; Jared Joyce & family (son of Mark & Glenna Joyce); Heather Meyer; Judy Meyer (wife of John)

Remembering Our Homebound

Norma Brott; Gordon Goldsmith; Dick Campbell

Grieving with the Family of

Ralph Clovis (grandfather of Mckenna Landrey) 10/29

Thanksgiving for

All the saints that have gone before us to their eternal home

New life in Christ through Holy Baptism for June Koa Christensen,
daughter of Samantha Hansen & Colin Christensen, 11/5

The 23 youth attending the District Middle School Youth Gathering 11/4-5

Prayers for St. John Staff

Melanie Roberts - CDC; Sandra Royuk - School; Nathan Scheck - Church; Pam Simpson - School

Mission Opportunities & Needs

Ben & Rebecca Helge serving in the Czech Republic; Nader & Georgette Alaraj, serving in Lincoln for POBLO

Special Prayers & Petitions

For safety & basic needs for those in areas of conflict, violence and war

For The Rock Lutheran Church as they go through the call process for a new pastor

Scan the QR code to access the weekly eNews. CUNE students — check it out!



SAT./SUN.

Operation Christmas Child Table, narthex; Pure Freedom Retreat Donation Board, narthex; Helge Missionary Table, narthex; Coat/Jacket Collection for CUNE, west entrance

SATURDAY

5:30pm

Communion Worship (All Saints' Day Observed), sanctuary

SUNDAY

8:30am

Communion Worship (All Saints' Day Observed), sanctuary

10:00am

Sunday School, various locations

10:00am

Youth Service Project, meet at portables

10:00am

Adult Bible Classes

The nursery is available during the education hour for 2's & under.

- Heritage Room: Ministry of the Prophets, Russ Moulds, Oct. 15 – Nov. 5
 - *Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Always True: Christ in the Divine Service*, Betsy Werner, Nov. 12 – Dec. 3
- Fellowship Hall: Ben Helge Missionary, Nov. 5
 - *Pastor Greg Finke*, Nov. 12; *Giving Excuses or Giving Excellence – Changing How One Gives Their Offering*, Pastor & Jan Bruick, Nov. 19 – Dec. 17
- Music Room (classroom #108): Christ Returns – Book of Isaiah, John Jurchen
- Classroom #202: Studying Scripture: Romans, group discussion

11:00am

Worship (All Saints' Day Observed), sanctuary

3:00pm

Alaska Mission Team Informational Meeting, Heritage Room

MONDAY

8:00pm

College Student Bible Study, Pastor Nathan's House (Nathan.scheck@stjohnseward.org)

TUESDAY

6:30am

Men's Bible Study, CU's cafeteria

10:00am

Comforters, CDC lower level

6:00pm

School's Music Review, sanctuary

7:00pm

Seward Area Lutherans For Life, classroom #108

WEDNESDAY

10:00am

Women's Bible Study, CDC lower level

7:00pm

Adult Choir/Music Rehearsal, sanctuary

THURSDAY

9:30am

Women's Bible Study, CDC lower level

10:00am

Coffee & Conversation for Caregivers, fellowship hall

7:00pm

Continuing Education – public invited by Stephen Ministry, Heritage Room

FRIDAY

8:30am

Veterans Day Assembly, sanctuary

SATURDAY

5:30pm

Worship, sanctuary

SUNDAY (Nov. 12)

8:30am

Worship, sanctuary

10:00am

Sunday School, various locations

10:00am

Adult Bible Classes – see previous Sunday schedule above

11:00am

Communion Worship, sanctuary

12:30pm

Celebration Meal, fellowship hall

REOCCURS WEEKLY: Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry: Sat., 9-11am; Mon., 3-5pm; Thur., 6-8pm