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# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to  
Joyfully Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **All Saint's Day**

### **Preludes**

### **"Come Jesus Come"**

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray  
Come Jesus come let today be the day  
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break  
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade  
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long  
For the day You return to heal every hurt  
And right every wrong We need You right now  
Come and turn this around  
Deep down I know this world isn't home  
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come  
There'll be no war and there'll be no chains  
When Jesus comes let today be the day  
He'll come for the weak And the strong just the same  
And all will believe in the power of His name  
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long  
For the day You return to heal every hurt  
And right every wrong We need You right now  
Come and turn this around  
Deep down I know this world isn't home  
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come  
One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face  
Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today  
The time is right now there's no need to wait  
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace  
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long

For the day You return to heal every hurt  
And right every wrong We need You right now  
Come and turn this around  
Deep down I know this world isn't home  
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## **"Heaven Song"**

You wrote a letter and You signed Your name  
I read every word of it page by page  
You said that You'd be coming coming for me soon  
Oh my God I'll be ready for You

I want to run on greener pastures  
I want to dance on higher hills  
I want to drink from sweeter waters  
In the misty morning chill  
And my soul is getting restless  
For the place where I belong  
I can't wait to join the angels and sing  
My Heaven song

I hear Your voice and I catch my breath  
Well done my child enter in and rest  
Tears of joy roll down my cheek  
It's beautiful beyond my wildest dreams

I want to run on greener pastures  
I want to dance on higher hills  
I want to drink from sweeter waters  
In the misty morning chill  
And my soul is getting restless  
For the place where I belong

I can't wait to join the angels and sing  
I want to run on greener pastures  
I want to dance on higher hills  
I want to drink from sweeter waters  
In the misty morning chill  
And my soul is getting restless  
For the place where I belong  
I can't wait to join the angels and sing.  
No I can't wait to hear the angels and sing  
My Heaven song

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **One Minute of Silence to Prepare Our Hearts**

#### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**A** Amen.

#### **Opening Song**

**“Echo Holy”**

Gathered at the highest throne Welcomed by a melody  
An anthem I have always known A song that’s always been in me  
All glory and honor Dominion and power To You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor  
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing  
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Memorized by every heart Written in eternity  
Every lifted voice a part Joining in the symphony  
All glory and honor Dominion and power To You  
All wisdom and wonder Belong to no other But You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor  
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing  
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Standing at the end of time There before the throne of grace  
Majesty before my eyes I'll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall Face down on the floor  
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing  
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

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## Opening Sentences

- P** Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.
- C** **For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!**
- P** For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
- C** **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful

nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father. Most merciful God and Father,

**C We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

**P** John reminds us, "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." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

**C Alleluia! Amen!**

## **Song of Praise**

## **"Echoes (Till We See The Other Side)"**

We will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens  
Sing His praise till we see the other side

'Cause we belong to the light When the night is at its darkest  
Just hold on for the dawn will soon arrive

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise  
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life  
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens  
Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa  
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise  
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life  
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens  
Sing His praise till we see the other side  
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long  
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long  
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long  
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long  
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise  
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life  
Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise  
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens  
Sing His praise till we see the other side  
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens  
Sing His praise till we see the other side

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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

**C:** **You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>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." <sup>15</sup>"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." <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like

him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons<sup>[a]</sup> of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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**Message**

**"A Good Mourning"**

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM *Romans 6:3-4*

- P** In Holy Baptism, God's children are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all of our sins. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."**

## COMMEMORATION OF THE REDEEMED CHILDREN OF GOD

- P** Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Jerry Barr</b>         | <b>September 14, 1939 – October 30, 2024</b> |
| <b>Nancy Walter</b>       | <b>April 8, 1947 – November 2, 2024</b>      |
| <b>Gary Knoll</b>         | <b>February 4, 1952 – November 17, 2024</b>  |
| <b>William DeGroot</b>    | <b>February 6, 1949 – November 24, 2024</b>  |
| <b>Eunice Wager</b>       | <b>July 26, 1928 – December 4, 2024</b>      |
| <b>Sheila Arnold</b>      | <b>July 13, 1968 – December 8, 2024</b>      |
| <b>Elaine Engel</b>       | <b>April 21, 1931 – January 23, 2025</b>     |
| <b>John Sommer</b>        | <b>November 5, 1929 – January 25, 2025</b>   |
| <b>James Mueller</b>      | <b>August 15, 1946 – January 30, 2025</b>    |
| <b>Jeff Lowery</b>        | <b>August 3, 1958 – February 8, 2025</b>     |
| <b>Barbara Duwe</b>       | <b>July 27, 1937 – February 12, 2025</b>     |
| <b>Frederick Kleinert</b> | <b>August 21, 1948 – February 15, 2025</b>   |
| <b>Alice Mandley</b>      | <b>April 21, 1942 – April 1, 2025</b>        |
| <b>Karen Huff</b>         | <b>August 24, 1954 – August 20, 2025</b>     |
| <b>Helen Gretzinger</b>   | <b>June 29, 1924 – September 28, 2025</b>    |

**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.

**C Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **Commemoration Song**

## **“Hymn Of Heaven”**

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith

With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ....Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** hear our prayer

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## 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.**

**P** Let us pray together ...

## Blessing

**L** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

## Sending Song

## “The Sound of The Saints”

Oh, I love to hear the song of creation, the wind and the rhythm of the rain.

Oh, the thunder it speaks of Your power,  
but there's something in the sound of the saints

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean, found peace in the echoes of a cave,  
And the trees of the field they clap their hands,  
But there's something in the sound of the saints

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise  
With a sound so full it cracks the sky!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!  
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,  
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen!

I will hear the chorus of the angels, forever a symphony of praise.  
I long to hear the voice of my Savior, and He hears us: the sound of the saints.

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise  
Ev'ry tongue, ev'ry tribe, hear the Church, Your bride.

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!

Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,  
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen! Whoa, whoa,  
Our hearts will rise. Our song shall be Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever!

Our hearts will rise. The saints will sing  
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever, forever!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen.  
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,  
Singing alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!  
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,  
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, amen

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