



St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

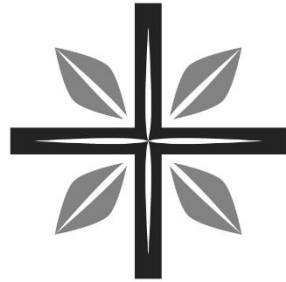
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Use Your Time

**WISELY**



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders and assisted listening devices are available from an usher.
- Children's service folders and worship notes are available in the round tract rack in the entry area.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or available online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- Please join us for Bible class at 9:15 a.m.  
*The Joyful Christian: Paul's Letter to the Philippians*  
(Fellowship Hall, lower level of church)  
A staffed nursery is available during Bible class.

# Saints Triumphant

## November 13 & 14, 2021

Use Your Time Wisely! Express Your Faith!

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

### I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

*Christian Worship '21 846*

**M:** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
 they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

*On the Last Day, those whose names are written in the book of life will inherit eternal life.*

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

### Response to the Word

Blessed Are They

*The congregation is invited to sing the entire hymn on Saturday and the refrains on Sunday.*

*The melody for the verses is the same as the refrain tune.*

*Refrain*

Bless - ed are they which are called, Bless - ed are  
they which are called, Bless - ed are they which are  
called To the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Multitudes, clothed in white robes, from ev'ry nation and tongue,  
Stood before God and the Lamb at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

They'll neither hunger nor thirst, death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,  
God wipes all tears from their eyes by the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

Blessing and honor, they cry, unto the Lamb that was slain,  
Redeeming us with his blood in the marriage feast of the Lamb.

*Please pause between stanzas 3 and 4 as the names of those who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year are read...*

<i>Henry Bahr</i>	<i>12/09/20</i>	<i>Daniel Eick</i>	<i>9/22/21</i>
<i>Lillian Gerlach</i>	<i>12/26/20</i>	<i>Arlene Baumann</i>	<i>10/01/21</i>
<i>Helen Tress</i>	<i>6/04/21</i>	<i>Karen Lory Stark</i>	<i>10/16/21</i>

Servant, saint, martyr at rest, sanctified, ransomed, restored,  
Thund'rously sing a new song of the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

Worthy are you, Lamb of God, to receive glory and praise.  
Alleluia and amen! For the marriage feast of the Lamb. **Refrain**

## **Second Lesson**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*On the Last Day, those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will inherit eternal life.*

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

## **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia, alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.  
Alleluia.

*Please stand*

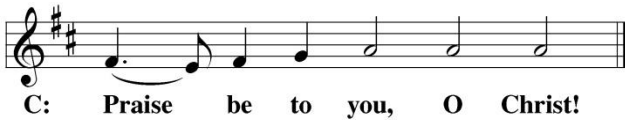
## **Gospel**

**Mark 13:24-27**

*On the Last Day, the elect will inherit eternal life.*

“But in those days, following that distress,  
‘the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

“At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”



*Be seated*

**Anthem (Sunday)**

*Adult Handbell Choir*

**Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

*arranged by Cathy Moglebust*

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

O Christ, do thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love  
That I may see thee and adore with all thy saints above.

**Hymn of the Day**

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

*Christian Worship '21 488*

**Sermon**

**Mark 13:24-27**

Gathered for Triumph

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

*Be seated*

## **Offering**

*Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



*Please stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**M:** O blessed heavenly Father, God of all comfort and Lord of our salvation, on this day we remember those who have finished their course of faith and now rest from their labors.

**C:** **We thank you, blessed Lord, that in your grace you called them out of darkness into the marvelous light of your truth.**

**M:** We remember with love those dear ones who confessed your name on earth and now sing your praise in eternal glory. We thank you for their time among us and praise you for bringing them safely home to heaven.

**C:** **Whenever sorrow floods our hearts at their departure, remind us of the glory that is now theirs.**

**M:** For those whose earthly life is drawing to a close, give them patience as they wait upon the unfolding of your will. Comfort your children in their last hours of earthly life.

**C:** **Renew them in spirit with your steadfast love that they may rejoice and be glad throughout their remaining days.**

**M:** As we remember the aged and dying, strengthen the hands of all who care for these loved ones.

**C:** **Give all caregivers energy and patience to kindly minister to your children whose eternal rest draws near.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*



**M:** Keep us in the one true faith until the day we are called before your throne to receive the crown of righteousness reserved for the faithful.

**C:** Give us a longing for that day, when we will join our voices in praise with the saints who have gone before us. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

**C:** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

*Be seated*

**Hymn**

**For All the Saints**  
*Christian Worship '21 880*

*Please stand*

**M:** Heavenly Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims here on earth, set our minds on things above, rejoicing in our citizenship in the heavenly Jerusalem. With the faithful gone before us, open our lips that our mouths may confess the salvation that is ours through the sacrifice of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

**Jerusalem the Golden**  
*Christian Worship '21 889*

**Announcements**

**WELS Connection**

Home Missions: 100 in 10 Years

**Postlude**

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**Readings for the Week of Saints Triumphant**

M	Hebrews 11:1-7	Hebrews 11:8-16
T	2 Timothy 1:6-12	John 3:16-21
W	Matthew 22:23-33	1 Corinthians 15:35-43
R	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	2 Corinthians 5:1-10
F	Hebrews 11:17-22	Hebrews 11:23-31
S	Revelation 2:12-17	Revelation 21:1-7

# Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Kyle Bitter

**Musician**

Eric Sipe, organ (Saturday)  
Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)  
Kathryn Hendee, French horn  
Ed Miller, trombone  
Adam Sipe, trumpet

**Adult Handbell Choir Director**

Kristi Meyer

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Kevin and Anna Travis in celebration of their daughter's birthday.

## In Our Prayers

- Kelly Kramer, recovering from surgery this past Thursday.

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# The Mission of our Church

*As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.*

*As 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:*



*Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives*



*Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word*



*Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support*



*Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people*



*Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others*

## **Worship Services**

*Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.*

*Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.*

## **Worship in Chinese**

*Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.*

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