



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.

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## All Saints' Day

WE FEEBLY STRUGGLE;  
THEY IN GLORY SHINE

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## Welcome to Worship!

"Simul justus et peccator." This phrase sums up our life as Christians here on this earth: simultaneously justified and sinful, simultaneously saint and sinner. As sinners, we are members of the holy Christian Church, of the communion of saints, but we still struggle with trials and temptations. Some members of the communion of saints, however, no longer struggle with trials and temptation and sin. These are the saints who, through their Christian death, have triumphed over all these things. The blessedness of being God's saint is no longer waiting for them—they live in the glory of Christ's light. This week, we thank God for those members of the communion of saints who have gone before us and now enjoy everlasting life. We feebly struggle, just as they once did. But now, thanks to Christ, they in glory shine. Their example encourages us as we patiently wait to join them.

We also welcome the A Cappella Choir from Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) in our 10:30 a.m. service. Hailing from Phoenix, AZ, and directed by Mr. Joshua Severeid, this choir is open by audition to ALA students in 10<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grades. The choir gives their heartfelt thanks to the members of St. John's for hosting them over this Choral Fest weekend!

## Worship Notes

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.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. 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 located online at [www.sjtosa.org/Connect](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

## Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

# All Saints' Day

## November 5 & 6, 2022

We Feebly Struggle, They In Glory Shine

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### Prelude

### Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

For All the Saints (sts. 1, 5, 7, 8)

*Christian Worship 880*

## Gathering Rite for All Saints' Day

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

*Hebrews 11: 1, 2, 13, 16; 12:1*

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

*Hebrews 13:7, 8*

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God

**I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

*Colossians 3:1; Job 19:25, 26*

Too often we have set our minds on earthly things and not on things that are above. Therefore, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

*Please kneel*

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Since we have been raised with Christ, we eagerly set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

**For 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.**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14*

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—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.**

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*1 Corinthians 15:51, 52, 57, 58*



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the  
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that  
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus



res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark  
eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges  
lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less



sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.  
plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the  
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on  
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on



storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -  
high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it  
faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing



wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.  
thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Be seated

## First Reading

Revelation 21:1–6

*John is shown the new Jerusalem: the home of the saints triumphant.*

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Response to the Word

Blessed Are They

*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.

*Verses*

1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes, from ev - 'ry  
 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst, death, sor - row,  
 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry, un - to the

na - tion and tongue, stood be - fore God and the  
 pain van - quished now, God wipes all tears from their  
 Lamb that was slain, re - deem - ing us with his

Lamb at the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.  
 eyes by the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.  
 blood in the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

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

<i>Ida Yorde</i>	<i>1/03/22</i>	<i>Terry Paul</i>	<i>5/12/22</i>
<i>Carol Hanson</i>	<i>2/05/22</i>	<i>Zachary Todor</i>	<i>7/27/22</i>
<i>Sue Pappalardo</i>	<i>2/27/22</i>	<i>Jerry Seidner</i>	<i>9/07/22</i>
<i>Chuck Wrucke</i>	<i>5/11/22</i>	<i>Virginia Ruck</i>	<i>10/03/22</i>

- 4 Servant, saint, martyr at rest,  
 sanctified, ransomed, restored,  
 thund'rously sing a new song  
 of the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 5)
- 5 Worthy are you, Lamb of God,  
 to receive glory and praise.  
 Alleluia and amen  
 for the marriage feast of the Lamb! (*Refrain*)

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:32–40

*Countless believers looked ahead to something better  
as they anticipated joining the saints triumphant.*

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

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

## Gospel

Luke 6:20–23

*The blessedness of being God's disciple will be fully revealed when we join the saints triumphant.*

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,

when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.”



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Anthem (Sunday)**

*Junior Handbell Choir*

Alleluia! Amen!  
*arranged by Karen Buckwalter*

Come, Christians, join to sing alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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## **Hymn of the Day**

Jerusalem the Golden  
*Christian Worship 889*

## **Sermon**

Luke 6:20-23

*Theme*

*Please stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those whom you have redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, washed in the saving water of baptism, and brought to faith by the Spirit.

**Keep us in this faith that we may one day stand before you in the heavenly kingdom you have prepared for us.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the poor in spirit and those who mourn and grieve. Grant them hope in Christ, whose resurrection prefigures our own joyful resurrection and our reunion with the saints who have gone before us.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the meek, who trust not in their own merits but hunger and thirst for righteousness. Make their hearts pure, and equip them by your Spirit to live holy, upright, and godly lives.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are the merciful and the persecuted, who know the pureness of your heart and suffer for your sake. Shower your mercy upon us, bring peace to the nations, and deliver us from terror, violence, and oppression.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who trust in you and who confess with the saints in heaven, "Salvation belongs to you who sits on the throne and to the Lamb."

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit [www.sjtosa.org/offering](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



*Please stand*

## **The Sacrament**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Lamb of God

## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 18 of the service folder.

## **Distribution Hymns**

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White  
*Christian Worship 883*

What Joy to Join the Chorus  
*Christian Worship 882*

O Lord, We Praise You  
*Christian Worship 673*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Go + in peace.

*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn**

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

*Christian Worship 884*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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## Serving at Worship

**Preacher**

Pastor Eric Schroeder

**Presiding Minister**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Musicians**

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)

Mandy Treder, organ (Sunday)

**Junior Handbell Choir Director**

Julie Handeland

**Communion Assistants**

Greg Martin & Brian Treichel

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Karen Hentz in thanks for blessings received and by Brian and Brenda Denk in celebration of their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## In Our Prayers

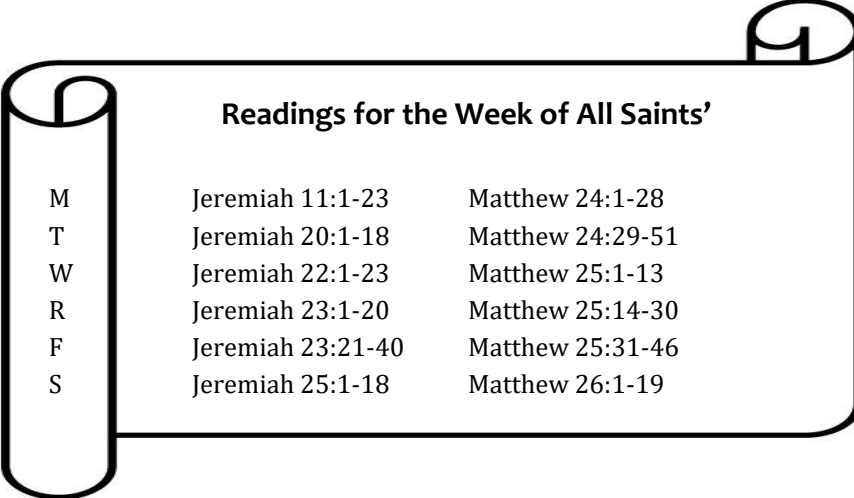
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### **Personal Prayer for Before Communion**

Heavenly Father, through this sacrament you invite me to receive your Son's body and blood. I thank you for this gift of grace and for your forgiveness given here. Lead me to your altar with a humble and repentant heart. Strengthen me with your presence through the communion present in this meal. Amen.

### **Personal Prayer for After Communion**

Loving Father, I thank you for feeding me at the supper of your Son. Sustain me with your Spirit, that I may serve you here on earth until my joy is complete in heaven and I share with all the saints in the wedding supper of the Lamb. Amen.



**Readings for the Week of All Saints'**

M	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Matthew 24:1-28
T	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matthew 24:29-51
W	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13
R	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30
F	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46
S	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19

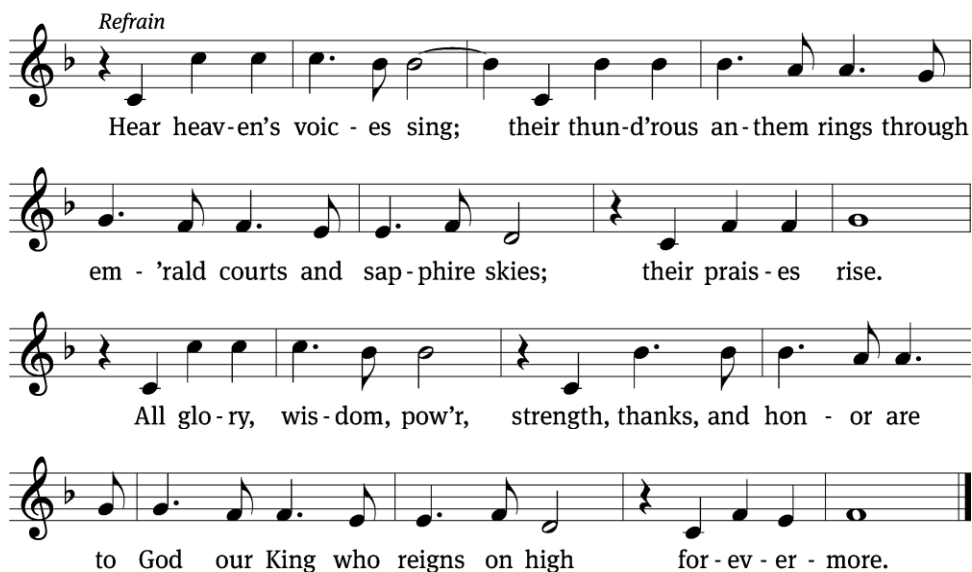
## Parents' Preview for November 13

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

### There Is a Higher Throne (refrain)

#### Christian Worship 885

*Refrain*



Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an-them rings through  
em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.  
All glo-ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are  
to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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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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