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All Saints Day

*The Time In Between—
A Time to Focus on Future Glory*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious Holy Spirit, you dwell in our hearts to bring us peace and hope. Renew us through your Word today and move us to lives of prayer and praise while we wait for the glory of heaven. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: The time in between Christ's first and second coming are going to be full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that this is temporary. That truth is made crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we honor every saint who has gone before us. We remember all those who had faith in the Lamb of God: the heroes of faith in Scripture and our faithful Christian family members, now fallen asleep. They all endured hardship and pain in life. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? Remembering all the saints, we focus on the future glory that waits for us.

WORSHIP SERIES: In the great timeline of human history, there are two significant points: the first time Christ came to our world to win salvation and the second time Christ will come to establish his everlasting kingdom. We live in the time in between those two points. It is a time of tension. We know that peace and perfection are ours already but we do not enjoy a peaceful and perfect existence yet. As the church year draws to a close, Scripture points us toward the end of time when Christ will come again. Until then Christ teaches us how to live in the time in between.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Piano: Madison Boerner
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Order of Worship



Introduction & Welcome

(Saturday) HYMN: This is the Feast

CW 938



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



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(Sunday) Choir Anthem: Well Done

Salem Praise Group
Music/Lyrics: The Afters

1. What will it be like when my pain is gone
And all the worries of this world just fade away?
What will it be like when You call my name
And that moment when I see You face to face?
I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

Refrain: Well done, well done my good and faithful one
Welcome to the place where you belong
Well done, well done my beloved child
You have run the race and now you're home
Welcome to the place where you belong

2. What will it be like when tears are washed away
And every broken thing will finally be made whole?
What will it be like when I come into Your glory
Standing in the presence of a love so beautiful?
I'm waiting my whole life for that day
I will live my life to hear You say *Refrain*

3. What will it be like when I hear that sound?
All of heaven's angels crying out:
Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord (x3)
Waiting my whole life for that day
Until then I'll live to hear You say *Refrain*

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS 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.

All Saints Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889 st. 1

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Merciful and gracious Lord, you cause your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven so that we might remember the future glory that waits for us.

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Therefore,

“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.

¹⁶‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

All Saints Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889 st. 2

2 O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
forever and forever are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven your glorious name to bless.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

In love God the Father adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

All Saints Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

CW 889 st. 3

3 The Christ is ever with them, the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend,
the Lamb forever blessed, the Light that knows no end.

Please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Future glory and eternal blessings are coming, a gift from God to all his saints.

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion



“Let the little children come to me...”

Matthew 19:14, NIV

Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1-2, 7-8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



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Sermon

Based on Revelation 7:9-17

"A picture of heaven—a picture of home"

- 1) The Lamb is our Shepherd
- 2) Heaven is our Home

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

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



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Remembrance of the Saints Triumphant

M: With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

C: **You are rest to the blessed dead. We thank you for all who have died in the peace of Christ. We thank you for those whom you gave to our congregation for a time as a blessing but have now called home. As we remember the saints called home in past years we remember those called home since our last celebration of the Saints Triumphant.**

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Sue Galler October 30, 2022.

C: ***I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*** (John 11:25-26)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Sharron Pauley December 3, 2022.

C: ***Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*** (Psalm 23:6)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Bernice Drier December 11, 2022.

C: ***Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*** (Colossians 3:1)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Art Schaefer December 12, 2022.

C: ***Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be change—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet.*** (1 Corinthians 15:51)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Karen Morgan January 12, 2023.

C: ***My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*** (Psalm 73:26)

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Bob Bacholke June 28, 2023.

C: ***Be faithful, even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life.*** (Revelation 2:10)

Silent prayer as we remember other members of the saints triumphant gathered to heaven from other earthly flocks.

M: Heavenly Father, we recall with gratitude what you have done for us and for your Church through these saints. May their good works, which were prompted by your love in Christ and performed to your glory while here on earth, encourage us to live for you. As we join our worship and work with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place.

C: ***Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.***

M: Through your Word, remind us who have not reached heaven that we remain part of the saints militant. Fill us with your Spirit, that we continue to fight for you, as our Christian forefathers did—battling against our sinful flesh, winning souls for Christ, and combating the deadly influence of Satan in this world.

C: ***Uphold your promise by Word and Sacraments to keep us in the faith so that, when our work on earth is done, we may join the saints triumphant.***

Special prayers.

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.

Hymn: When Will I Walk

CW 837

Cantor will sing verse one, congregation will sing verses two and three



1 When will I walk the shin - ing streets of gold
2 When will I wear the robe of bril - liant white
3 When will I win what Je - sus won for me—



which lie be - hind the mas - sive gates of pearl,
and raise a - loft the vic - tor's branch of palm,
a par - a - dise of rest - ful, won - drous peace,



where saints tri - um - phant live in bliss un - told,
where long - for - got - ten is the no - ble fight
where day is bright and night will nev - er be,



and all a - round the al - le - lu - ias swirl?
and glass - y seas be - tray a per - fect calm?
and joy - ful - ness will ev - er - more in - crease?

Refrain



My days, O Lord, are trou - ble - filled and few, and



I'm not home un - til I'm home with you.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING ANTHEM: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See CW 884

Salem Men's Chorus

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the Salem school Kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Time in Between: A time for watchfulness

Bible Readings: Isaiah 52: 1-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13

Hymns: 493, 486, 713, 885

Two Special Worship Opportunities

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

As our nation gives thanks for the blessings poured out on us, we Christians know the God to whom those thanks can be directed.

Spend time with the Lord this Thanksgiving as we celebrate the God who gives every blessing.

Thanksgiving Eve: 6:30pm



WOMEN OF SALEM

Prepare your heart for the coming season.

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship & worship.

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 3rd

1-3pm

Take a break before the busy Christmas season to worship with other women of our church, enjoy time together, and share delicious food.

Sign up in the church entry today!

Your congregation supports St. Croix Lutheran Academy, an area Lutheran high school in West St. Paul, MN. Join us for an upcoming event!

Veterans Day Tribute at SCLA **Fri, Nov 10**, 10:25a. 9:15a Check-in and Refreshments; 10:00a Chapel; 10:25a Tribute in the Gym; Guest Speaker: Lance Halverson, Army. RSVP StCroixLutheran.org/veterans

Festival of Seasons Craft and Bake Sale is **Sat, Nov 11**, 9:00a-3:00p at SCLA. Handmade items and more! Vendor registration closes Oct 29. StCroixLutheran.org/fos

Need a New Mattress? Find a great deal at the SCLA Mattress Fundraiser, **Sat, Nov 11**, 9:00a-4:00p. Proceeds used toward the new outdoor score board. Stop by before you shop at the Festival of Seasons! Beds on display.

SCLA Fall Showcase High school is just down the road! Learn more about SCLA on **Tue, Nov 14**, 5:30p. RSVP at StCroixLutheran.org/showcase

MS Christmas Concert is **Tue, Dec 19**, 6:30p, SCLA Chapel. MS choir and Crusader Cadet band (includes association school bands).

HS Christmas Concert is **Thu, Dec 21**, 7:00p, SCLA Gym. HS choirs and bands.

SCLA JOB OPENINGS

Short-Term Activities Planner Part-time, seasonal

Admissions and Events Coordinator Full-time, non-exempt

Donor Relations Consultant Full-time, exempt

Learn more and apply for open positions at StCroixLutheran.org/jobs or email [Lori Kowitz LKowitz@StCroixLutheran.org](mailto:Lori.Kowitz@StCroixLutheran.org)



Use your phone to scan this code to view the calendar.

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

