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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

It's Time to Focus on the Future

The Beginning of the End >



Salem Lutheran Church & School - Stillwater, MN

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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: Father, you bring us into your family through faith, and you bring all believers to our heavenly home. Bless us today as we give thanks for those who now have eternal rest with you. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Childbearing is excruciating, yet each day countless women have children knowing their pain will result in blessing and joy. The Bible describes this world like a woman in labor, waiting for the blessing of heaven, and ultimately, Jesus' return. On All Saints Day we remember every believer who has gone before us out of this life into the next. We have in mind both heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain, but now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Organ: Jason Snodie
Handbell Director: Jessie Wolfe

SACRED RHYTHM, THE WAY WE WORSHIP: On All Saints Day, the Church still fighting sin on earth (*Church militant*) celebrates the Church in heaven (*Church triumphant*). With the red hymnal in 1993, our church body broke from Christian tradition and tried remembering the Saints Triumphant on a different weekend. With the 2021 blue hymnal we returned to the historic celebration on the first Sunday in November. This year we celebrate on the Festival Day itself, November 1st.

*Whether this is your first Sunday or your fiftieth, we're glad you're here. **Scan the code** to check in on the Salem app, share a prayer request, and learn more about our church, including what's happening this week and how to get connected.*

Questions? Ask an usher or anyone nearby. We're happy to help! More information, including accessibility and family resources, is on the back page.



Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Three



(Sunday) Preservice Handbells: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Peggy Bettcher

Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953 sts. 1, 3, 5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sun through the Church the song goes on.
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Please stand.

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

M: For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever —

C: Yes, forever and ever!

Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord, we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven. Yet we have disobeyed God and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

(5:00/8:00) Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797 sts. 1, 2



1 I know my faith is found - ed on Je - sus Christ, my
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by



God and Lord; and this my faith con - fess - ing, un -
night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and



moved I stand up - on his Word. Our rea - son can - not
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -

fath - om the truth of God pro - found; who trusts in world - ly
side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good

wis - dom re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with

all - suf - fi - cient, it makes di - vine - ly sure, and,
me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then

trust - ing in its wis - dom, my faith shall rest se - cure.
I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.

(10:30) Sunday JAM: The Wondrous Mystery

Getty Kids

Sunday JAM children sing the first verse and refrain. The congregation joins in the second verse.

The wondrous mystery, of boundless grace divine: the Son became the Servant of us all.
The fullness of our God, in frail humanity, obedient to death upon a cross

Refrain: Lifted to the highest place, giv'n the name above all names,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow.
Every power and every throne, Heav'n above and earth below,
Ev'ry tongue confessing Christ the Lord.

**So let us walk this path, of Christ's humility, and place each other's needs above our own.
One heart, one mind, one love, in glorious unity
That shines His radiant light throughout the earth. *Refrain***

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

St. John's vision paints us a picture of all the saints in heaven - a promise for the future of every believer.

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.'"

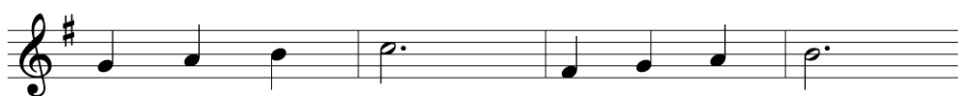
M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day: Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Psalm 149A

Refrain



Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses



- 1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
- 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
- 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
- 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,



a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;



let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

Refrain



let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

In love, God 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.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15



Refrain



They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. **Refrain**

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Eternal blessings are on the way.

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 Message

Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8



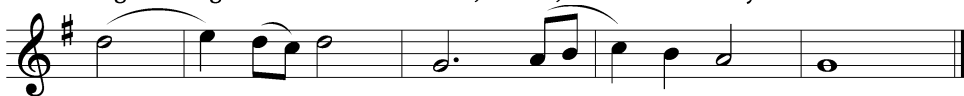
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song, and
soon, soon, to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
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.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

“God knows. We know.”

Please stand after the sermon.



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.

(Sunday) Handbell Offertory: Cornerstone

By Joel Raney

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 QR code on the screen or in the folder. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask all attendees to "check in" using the code on the back of the folder or by filing out the paper card in the pew and putting it in the basket on the rear table as you leave. Please share your prayer requests so that we can pray for you.



Please stand after the offering.

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 Sal Colemier. ~ May 12, 2026

C: ***I am the 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 Jerry Zolldan. ~ February 20, 2026

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 David Shopbell. ~ June 7, 2026

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 Jan Ulrich. ~ September 4, 2026

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 Terry Poirier. ~ October 3, 2026

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

M: We celebrate eternal life, given to Len Diethert. ~ October 14, 2026

C: ***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.*** (1 Corinthians 15:51)

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 prompt-ed 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.**

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.

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.**

Hymn: When Will I Walk

CW 837

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.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Give to the Max Video

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SMALL GROUPS AT SALEM

From Strangers to Family.

Six years of Tuesday nights, and still going.



“You’re taking stuff up like three notches in terms of how well you know people.”

Dave Anderson · in a small group since March 2020

Groups of 8–12 people meet 2–4 times a month to dig into the sermon text, pray together, study God’s Word, and talk about how it applies to life.

READ THE FULL STORY IN THE NEWSLETTER

“From Strangers to Family” is in our Salem Family Spotlight for November. Missing the newsletter? Let us know! Paper copies are available in the church entry.

Curious?

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No matter your background or biblical knowledge, it’s a place for friendship and growth. Scan the code to fill out the interest form, and we’ll help you find the right fit.

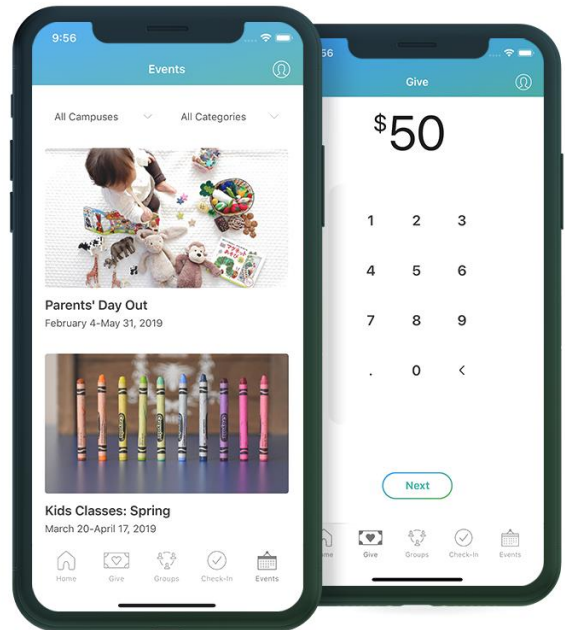
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags 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 a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!



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

