

All Saints Rejoice!



**WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

www.stjohnsws.com

**Traditional Service
All Saints' Day**

(Divine Service Setting Two)

November 1, 2015 – 10:45 a.m.

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

GREATLY BLESSED! Through faith in Jesus, God blesses us with forgiveness and eternal life. Additionally, God gives us a new identity as His children and His saints. Therefore, we gather in praise and thanksgiving for all the saints who have lived and are living in His Kingdom here and in eternity.

† Prayer Before Worship †

Gracious and generous Father, we thank You for not only giving us life, but also giving us eternal life through Jesus Christ. Open our eyes and hearts that we may truly see how blessed we are. Help us remember that You have made us to be saints, holy and cleansed by the blood of Christ for now and for eternity. Increase our desire to serve You generously and tell others how You desire to bless them today and for all eternity through faith in Jesus. Bless our worship in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Welcome

(Please Stand)

Processional Hymn #677 *For All the Saints*

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 149:1–4*

P: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

C: **His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

P: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

C: **let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

P: Let them praise His name with dancing,

C: **making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**

P: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

C: **He adorns the humble with salvation.**

Confession and Absolution *1 John 3:1*

P: Father of all sinners and saints,

C: we thank you that by Baptism and faith in Jesus, we are at the same time sinners and saints. We confess to You that we have been born turned away from You and naturally turn inward upon ourselves. The essence of our sinfulness is our turning away from You and disobedience to Your Law. Lord Jesus—through Your incarnation, life, death, and resurrection, You have stood in our place so that through Your grace we have become saints, Your beloved children. So, Father, please forgive us for all the ways we still fail to live into our sainthood. Turn our hearts toward You. Strengthen us that we may joyfully serve You with the power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

P: People loved by God, see what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. While at the same time sinners and saints, we are all the time the beloved sons and daughters of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ Jesus, 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.

Introit *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

P: 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.

C: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

P: For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

C: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: 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.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

(Silence for personal prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one Holy Communion, the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to follow Your blessed saints in joyful and generous Christian living and in the end, may we come to the fullness of joy which You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

(Servants of God from every nation, tribe, people, and language)

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I 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.” ¹⁵“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. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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.

Solo

“Masterpiece in Progress”

Jeff Steinberg

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1–3

(God’s astonishing love)

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And 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.

(Please Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

(All saints are but sinners saved by Jesus.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,**

The heavens declare Your glory, O God; the skies proclaim the work of Your hands.
Psalm 19:1 We pray that You would open our ears and hearts to hear the creation singing Your praises. In the beauty, majesty, and wisdom built within Your creation, help us to see the beauty, majesty, and wisdom of You O Lord, our Creator. And where Your creation groans because of our sin, grant relief.

C: Comfort all who suffer from earthquakes, fires, storms, droughts, And pollution. Protect us from those who would ravage the land and seas. Teach us again to be faithful stewards of Your good creation.

P: You, Lord, have written Your Law on the hearts of all people. We pray that You would inspire the people of our nation to a new and reverent obedience. Bless and preserve especially the leaders of our nation. Where our foreign policy breeds injustice, correct it, O Lord. Where we have neglected the needs of the poor and needy, reprove us, O Lord. Where our laws and freedoms are at odds with Your Law, help us to amend them, O Lord.

C: Preserve all good institutions, and let all useful arts flourish among us.

P: As You, Lord, walked the land, preaching, teaching, and showing mercy, we pray that You would use each of us within Your Church as an extension of Your ministry. Give pastors courage to preach Your Word faithfully and with authority. Give the teachers of our Lutheran Schools and colleges confidence in Your Holy Word and patience, wisdom, and intuition as they teach.

C: Give all of us a caring heart for hurting people. Fill us with mercy and love, and give us skills that are helpful and effective.

P: Gracious Lord, You know the troubles and pains of Your saints on earth. Give those who are ill and those who grieve a sure confidence in Your loving care. We pray especially for ... Surround them with helpful, supportive, and insightful people.

C: Renew within them the joy of salvation, a gift that belongs to all the saints.
(Other petitions offered here.)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER...

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? This is judging it rightly. This is what scripture teaches. (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. For You have called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified people from every corner and age of Your good creation as saints in the family of God who together both sing and show forth the praises of You who have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Thank You, Father, for giving us an inheritance with the saints in light; a place at Your Table, where Jesus feeds us with His true body and blood. Thank You for uniting us with all who confess Jesus' saving name into one family by the blood of His cross. Even though we do not yet see the Lord's outward body as one on this earth, we thank You that our true unity is found wherever Your Gospel is faithfully preached and Your Sacraments are administered according to Jesus' institution. As we await the day when all will be visibly one, grant that we may make faithful use of these means of Your Spirit, receiving every good gift You here offer and responding with grateful hearts to sing Your praises; for You are worthy of all blessing, honor, glory, and power, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always unto everlasting days.

C: Amen.

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.**

Words of our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



C 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 peace, grant us peace.

(Be Seated)

Distribution Hymns: #563 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*
#680 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*
#411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(Please Stand)

Post-Communion Canticle - Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Thank You, God, for feeding us here with the true body and blood of Jesus. Help us to remember that we are never closer to our loved ones who have died in faith than when we gather as Your saints around Your Supper along with all saints, angels, and the whole company of heaven, the people of God—seen and unseen—united in one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism. Comforted by this assurance, we give You thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn #813 *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng* (vs. 1,2,3,7)

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord in Joy!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Door Offering will be received for
The Ministry of Jeff Steinberg
following the service today.**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 15, 2015

There will be a Congregational meeting immediately following second service. We will be discussing the proposed changes to our church Constitution and Bylaws. It is most important that you attend as this is a significant transition choice as St. John's prepares to call a new "settled" Pastor. **A Vote will follow.** There will be updates and announcements from the School and updates from the Campus Beautification Campaign.

Did you pick up the Separate Announcement sheet "Weekly News" in the church entry?



St. John's LUTHERAN

Church & School

Our Sunday Worship - Morning services are at
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and
Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:45 a.m.

A Great Place to Grow in Christ

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

**Rev. Roger P. Schoolcraft,
Intentional Interim Pastor**

725-1651 x406 (office)

336-655-5710 (cell)

pastor@stjohnsww.org

Mark Edmiston, Principal

Tom Baldwin, Director of Admissions and Community Relations

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Beth Meier and John Fordham
in memory of Paul & Ethel Meier, Louis & Helen Guarascio, Harry & Betty Fordham,
Jill Tessmer & Ann Small.

Ushers: Don Davidson, Ryan Davidson, Stephanie Kiel & John Williams

Worship Assistants Nathan Kottlowski & Dale Mierisch