

*I am  
making  
all things  
new*

REVELATION 21:5



# **All Saints Sunday**

## **November 3, 2024**

### **10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to people new to this church or faith, long time Lutherans, and Christians from every tradition. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, sexual orientation and marital status, ability and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.

Please fill out the “Worship Slip” and place it in the offering plate.

( \* ) Asterisk means, “Please stand as you are able.”

Music            “Cantilena” Josef Rheinburger 1839-1901

## **The Gathering**

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
Who forgives all our sin,  
Whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

Gracious God,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**  
**But have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**  
**The cravings at war within us**



**Cause conflicts and disputes.  
In our desire to be first  
We make distinctions among ourselves.  
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.  
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
And turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
Our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
And to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
The source of eternal healing,  
Your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*“For All the Saints” #422*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,....  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their  
might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;...  
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! (hymn continued)

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;...  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates...of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Greeting

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
And from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
Grace and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## Kyrie Refrain

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
2. That we may live out your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
For friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word;  
That you nourish our souls with you body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN

# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*Prayer of the Day

P: May God be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us Pray.

God Stories

## The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Celebrate pg. 1

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

read responsively

Celebrate pg. 2

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Celebrate pg. 3

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

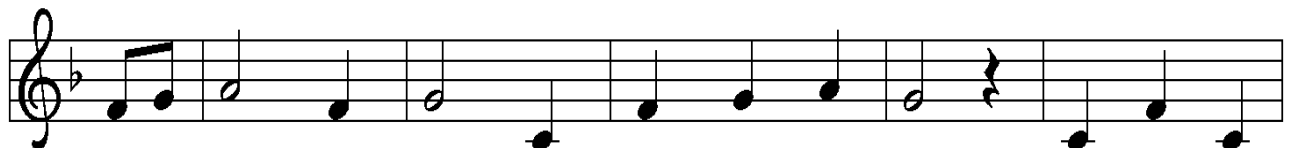
C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: **Glory to you, O God**

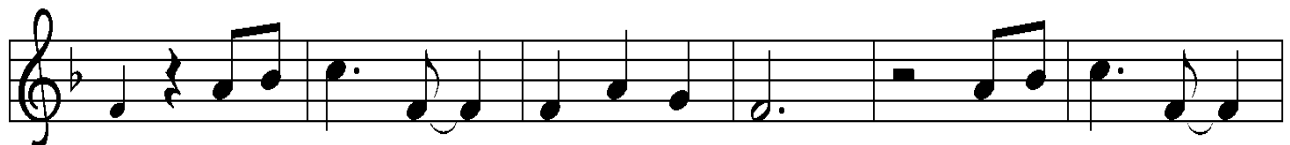
## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*Gospel Reading

John 11:32-44

Celebrate pg. 3

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. James P. Lapp

\*Hymn of the Day

“Shall We Gather at the River” #423

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*REFRAIN*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God*

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *REFRAIN*

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *REFRAIN*

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *REFRAIN*



*Saints Triumphant*

*Paul Cunningham*

*Gary Meeker*

*Joyce Simpson*

**The Communion Meal**

\*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Offering — We honor and worship God by returning some of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

Music “A Prayer of Aspiration” Richard Purvis

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,  
Source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
Help us to serve one another and all in need,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

\*Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

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

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every tongue and nation.

\*Words of Institution

\*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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
Now and forever. Amen**

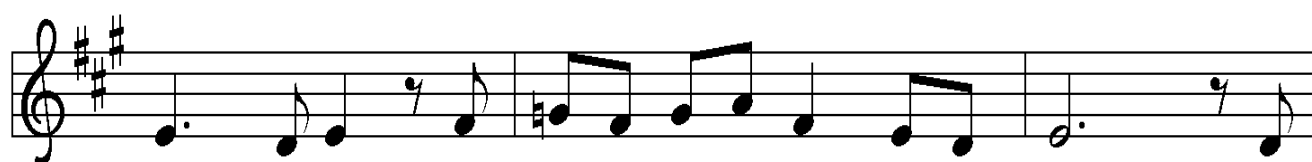
P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

*(You may be seated)*

### Holy Communion

*Guests: You are welcome to come forward to receive Communion as part of this church family! Children are welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing if they have never communed before. Communion is by intinction, which means that we dip the bread into either the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Please follow the guidance of the ushers as to when and how you are to come forward.*

## Lamb of God



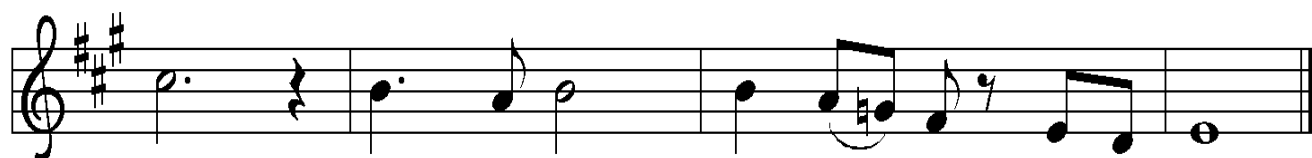
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

#632

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
From ever lasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all our years away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## The Sending

### \*Communion Blessing

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God,  
You have welcomed us to this meal  
And fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
And to be at peace with one another,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### \*Blessing

P: God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
† Bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

*“Oh When the Saints Go Marching In” #950*

Oh when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh when the Lord in glory comes,  
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the Lord in glory comes.

(hymn continued)

Oh when the new world is revealed,  
Oh, when the new world is revealed,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the new world is revealed.

Oh when they gather round the throne,  
Oh, when they gather round the throne,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When they gather round the throne.

And on that hallelujah day,  
And on that hallelujah day,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
On that hallelujah day.

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Music “Occasional Oratorio” G.F. Handel 1685-1759

**Serving Today**

Reader: Elke Spires

Communion Assistant:

Coffee Host:

Altar Guild: Tina Gates

Office Helpers: Shiela & Sherilyn

*The Altar Flowers are given by  
Sandra Eldridge  
To the Glory of God*





## Upcoming Events:

November Benevolence Offering - Santa Cruz al Salvador

- Nov. 5            Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
- Nov. 6            Preschool Chapel 10:15 am
- Nov. 6            Bible Study Wed. 11 am & 7:30 pm
- Nov. 7            Mens beginner A.A. Thursdays 7:00 pm
- Nov. 8            A.A. Fridays 7:00 pm
- Nov. 11           Pre School Closed—Veterans Day
- Nov. 12           Knitters Guild 6:15 pm
- Nov. 12           Council 6:30 pm
- Nov. 14           MMRR Womens Circle 10:30 am
- Nov. 16           S.C Choral reshearsal 12 to 5 pm
- Nov. 18           CDC Board 11:15 am
- Nov. 18           Embroiders Guild 7:00 pm
- Nov. 25           Women's Café Group Mondays at 6:00 pm
- Nov. 5            NEW Trinity Tuesday 6:30 pm  
                    Discretion Brew 41st Ave. Kathy Allen 430-6359  
                    (1 hour, 1 faith question, 1 drink)
- Nov. 24           Consecration Sunday—share your gifts
- Nov. 24           Thanksgiving Potluck

**Pastor's Office Hours <sup>15</sup> Wed & Thurs. 10:00 to 1:00**

## Our Mission Statement

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

### Reconciling in Christ

*"We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ."*

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