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# All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025 | 11:00 am



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# **WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!**

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is All Saints Sunday, where we remember those in faith who have gone before us, celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, and grieve for our beloved, knowing that God honors our tears.

**Buck-A-Meal** - Every one-dollar bill placed in the offering boxes this morning goes to purchase a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

**Annual Campaign** - Please complete your Pledge card as soon as possible so that we can finalize the 2026 budget and present it to the congregation (stjohns-salisbury.org/annual-campaign). Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministries of St. John's!

**Communication Survey** – St. John's is currently conducting a review of our congregational communications. We have created a survey and are asking for your input! The survey should take between 5-10 minutes. Scan the QR code or ask an usher for a paper copy in the narthex.



Installation of Pastor Spence Robertson. Join us on Sun., Nov. 16th at 2 pm for a special worship service as we officially welcome Pr. Spence into the pastoral ministry at St. John's. There will be a light reception to follow in Ritchie Hall.

**CORRECTION:** There will be **no** Service of Comfort and Hope on Nov. 16.

Faith Center's 10th Anniversary - Nov. 21, 6-8 pm. Join us in Peeler Hall and the Faith Center, as we gather for finger foods and drinks followed by a time of music, recognition and looking to the future.

Christmas Traditions - Join us Sunday, Nov. 30, 5-7 pm, at the Vista at Walnut Hill for our Christmas Traditions event. You'll enjoy Advent wreath making, soup, chili, the Solid Ground Coffee Truck and more! Sign up by scanning the QR code or online at https://stjsalisbury.onechurchsoftware.com/forms/133/fields



**Angel Tree Sponsors** - Angel Tree tags are still available. The trees will be in Peeler Hall by the Front Desk and in the Sanctuary narthex. Please list your tag number(s) on the sign-up sheet by the tree and take a handout with the details. Unwrapped Items are due back by Dec. 8 and should be brought to Peeler Hall or delivered directly to the Salvation Army as stated on the tag.

**Altar Flowers** - Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Linda Bethea Bost, by Pastor Larry Bost.

# **GATHERING**

The congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**. Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.

# **PRELUDE**

We rise and face the cross.

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross +, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.** 

**GATHERING SONG** 

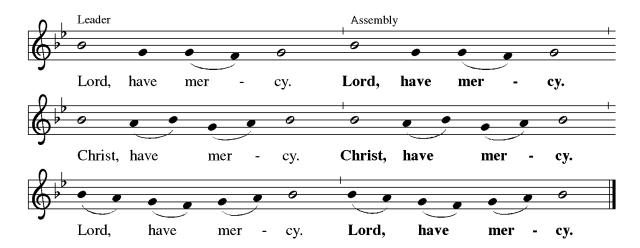
Holy God, We Praise Your Name'

ELW 414

# APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# **KYRIE**



# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re-store, for - give us; in your pro-mise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo-ry be to God on high!

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Be seated.

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is no Kingdom Kids programming today.

All children remain in the sanctuary.

# WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

READING Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:20-31





Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.



**SERMON** The Rev. Lori Carter

We rise.

## LITANY OF THE SAINTS AND PRAYERS

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we gather today at the river of our baptism, celebrating the eternal life that God has promised all the saints. We give thanks for their lives and we give thanks for their presence today in our hearts and minds. As we remember them in prayer, I invite you to remember them in spoken word as well, whispering "present" at the sound of each name.

Let us pray: Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne, kneeling as one at your table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

Lord Jesus Christ, through water and the Spirit you have escorted these saints into eternal rest:

As each name is read, a candle is lit, a handbell is rung and the congregation responds "present."

Dianne Agner
Patricia "Pat" Epting
Connier Hurlocker
David Hutchins
Sybil Lackey
Patsy "Pat" O'Neal
Susan Owen
Gerald Peeler

Jeffrey Peeler Sean Phillips Julie Pinkston Alda Smith Barbara Stauffer Gerry Webster Bruce Wengert

And for all loved ones who have died whom we name on our lips or in the silence of our hearts. (a final candle is lit)

Let us pray: Lord God, as we celebrate the saints of old, we look to the day when our journeys will be complete. Prepare for us, Lord, a heavenly home, a new Jerusalem, at which time we, too, will be reunited with those we love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

And for all the needs of this world ... our community ... our homes ... for those who are sick ... those in transition ... those who struggle with despair ... and those who themselves are preparing for their eternal rest. Grant to each a measure of your grace and peace, that all may be nourished by your Word and promise. For we rejoice in your love, O Lord, knowing with confidence that You have blessed us with grace and given to all your faithful servants the gift of your heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# NICENE CREED

With the whole church and all the saints, we confess our faith:

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# 'Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

by Neil Harmon

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

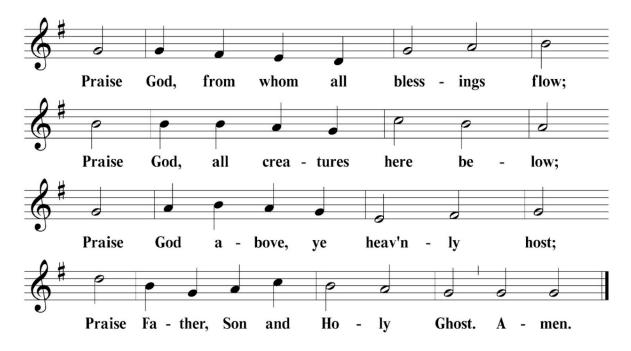
Hallelujah, praise the Lamh. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansion of the blest.

We rise.

# RESPONSE AND PRAYER



Let us pray: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

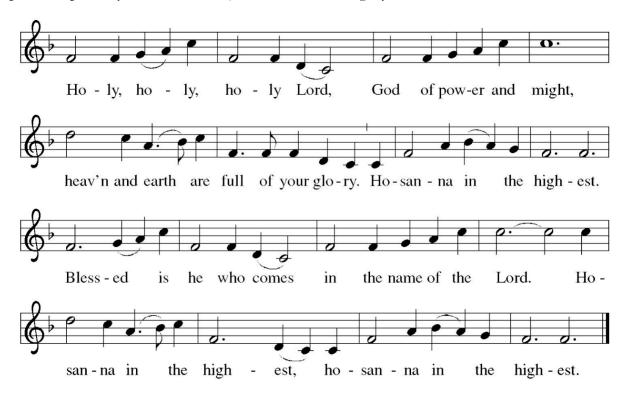
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### EUCHARISTIC AND LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us: 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.

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive a taste of life eternal. **Thanks be to God.** 

Be seated.

# DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at the altar, following the usher's guidance. At the altar, bread is served (gluten-free by request), followed by wine (grape juice by request). Those not receiving Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing (crossing your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor). If you need Communion brought to you, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**



**COMMUNION SONG** 

For All the Saints'

arr. Mark Limburg performed, Thom Hinson

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

'Shall We Gather at the River'

**ELW 423** 

We rise.

#### COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.** 

Let us pray: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

# **SENDING**

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

# **BLESSING**

May God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.** 

**SENDING HYMN** 

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

# **DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

# **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Cantor	Randy Overcash	
Reader	Cathy Tysinger	
Preacher		
Presider	James Demmel	
Video	Taylor Hutchins	
Sound	Mike Agee	
ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S		
Acolytes	Jillian Towns and Clara Misner	
Crucifer	Connor Towns	
Banner Bearer	Cora Wymbs	

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# Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025

# All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025

O blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!



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Jack Groce by Ann and Parker Hatchett

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Sharon Whittenton by Barbara Wagoner

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Let's connect faith and life. Together.