

All Saints' Sunday
November 7, 2021
in the 168th Year of the Parish
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Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!

Our Mission: "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

***This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions,
complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the
life of the world.***

Please Note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided revised guidelines with regard to mask wearing. Following these guidelines, and the specific recommendations of our bishop (Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod) Church Council strongly recommends that masks be worn, social distancing followed, and to speak and sing in very low tones when worshipping in St. Mark's church building. Thank You!

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, "Green Book")

****Please stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE *Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The pastor leads the congregation in the invocation, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*HYMN

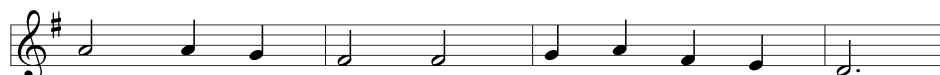
For All the Saints

(LBW, "Green" 174)

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;



yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



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

*THE GREETING

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints!

C Amen. Alleluia!

*KYRIE



☩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



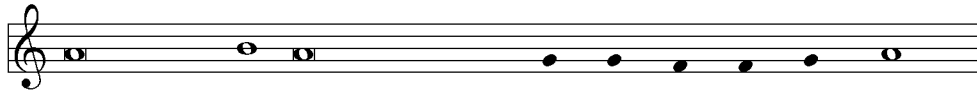
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

*THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

On All Saints' Sunday we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of the great feast of resurrection as described in our readings.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 25:6-9

6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

1The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**2For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

3Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**4Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is
false.**

5They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

**6Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

7Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

8Who is this | King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!

9Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

10Who is this | King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.

THE SECOND LESSON.....Revelation 21:1-6a

1I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6aThen he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to 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.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....John 11:32-44**
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

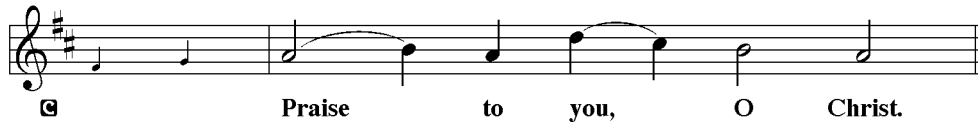
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having

heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Sing with All the Saints in Glory** **(Alt. Tune)**

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.**
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.**
- 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.**

**Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!**

Text: William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt.
Alt. Tune HYMN TO JOY

***THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith:

**C 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

***PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

After each petition, "Hear us, O God/Your Mercy is Great"

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.

ANTHEM *At The River*

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)


*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and in heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C 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.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C 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.

*LAMB OF GOD



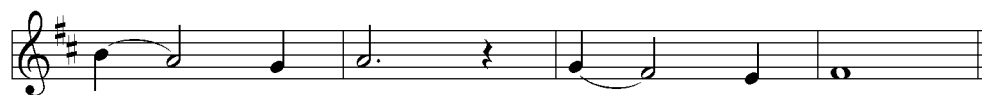
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:

- *Communicants, masked and observing social distancing, are asked to come forward as directed by ushers by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread from Pastor Vasey.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

Please do not kneel at the rail. Kneeling at the rail will return at a time to be determined by pastor and Church Council.

P A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

C Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P The blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C Amen.

***HYMN**

For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

***DISMISSAL**

P Led on by the saints before us,
we go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Allegro Marziale (No.4, OP.39)* Edward Elgar

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Susan Kalabacas, Kay Poliska, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, Lou and Linda DeSeau, The family of Joann Zeigler.

WORSHIP LEADERS (11/07/21)

Lector 8 a.m. Ruth Rees

10:30 a.m. Gary Weber

Cantor/Song-leader (10:30 a.m.) Kent Weaver

Communion Assistants

8 a.m. Becky Pryor

10:30 a.m. Lou DeSeau & Dan Zeigler

Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS:

8 a.m. Dick Miller/Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Mike Jensen, Captain. Gary Weber, Sean Jensen & Shelby Weber

COVID CONTACT: Please note that your attendance at worship will be recorded. This serves as a precaution in case contact-tracing due to the pandemic is warranted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY. Today we remember the faithful departed of St. Mark's, now part of the Church Triumphant. We mark our celebration this year by way of a bulletin insert.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY. Last Sunday, St. Mark's celebrated Consecration Sunday (the day we return our pledges for the next calendar year). If you did not have the opportunity to return your card please do so today. Place your commitment card in the basket along with your offering. Thank You!

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

CELEBRATION CONCERT. A concert celebrating the 75th anniversaries of both the United Churches of Lycoming County and the Williamsport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held on Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m., at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. All are invited. There is no charge.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Williamsport's Victorian Christmas celebration begins November 20, 2021. Part of the festivities this year includes the Billtown Brass in concert at St. Mark's Saturday, November 20, 4 p.m. in the Nave. Information on tickets for this event and others will be available soon.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Offering	\$ 4,430.00
Plate Offering	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 60.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 65.00
Global Mission	\$ 50.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 7.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 50.00
Capital Fund	\$ 30.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	\$ 30.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 20.00
Grand Total	\$ 4,812.00

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+ In loving memory of my loved ones by Norma Feig Prato

+ In honor of Charlie and Judy Fortin by Matt and Wanda Fortin and family.

COMMEMORATIONS

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop. Martin Luther was named in honor of Martin of Tours.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Thursday, November 11, 2021

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.



**St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Williamsport, Pennsylvania**

*Members of
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
who entered
the Church Triumphant
since All Saints' Day 2020*

Barbara L. Doebler 12-10-20

Paul Wesley Young 12-17-20

Marian Helen Kriner Larson 12-20-20

Marie F. Byerly 12-23-20

Richard W. Hafer 12-28-20

John Robert Shaible 01-11-21

Edward D. Cioffi 03-23-21

Ruth U. Pile 04-02-21

Ann Sue McCormick 04-03-21

Gladys E. Knauss 04-25-21

Norma R. Lehman 06-15-21

Marjorie M. Fenderson 09-18-21

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:14-17 (ESV)

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

“And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ And he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.’”

Revelation 21:5-6 (ESV)