

All Saints Sunday

November 6, 11:15AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, op. 7 (*Prelude and Fugue on the name Alain*)

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

WELCOME

DIALOG FOR ALL SAINTS

Praise the Lord, all you saints!

Praise him all you heavenly hosts!

Let us praise the name of the Lord:

For his name only is exalted!

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

Isaiah, Jeremiah and all you Patriarchs and Prophets!

Miriam, Ruth and Naomi:

Elizabeth, Mary and all you Holy Women!

Matthew, Mark and Luke:

James and John and all you Evangelists and Apostles!

Stephen, Thomas, Peter and Paul:

Philip, Bartholomew and all you Holy Martyrs!

Praise the Lord!

O praise the name of the Lord!

These are the saints whose robes are washed white in the blood of the Lamb.

Praise the Lord!

We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 418

Rejoice in God's Saints



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

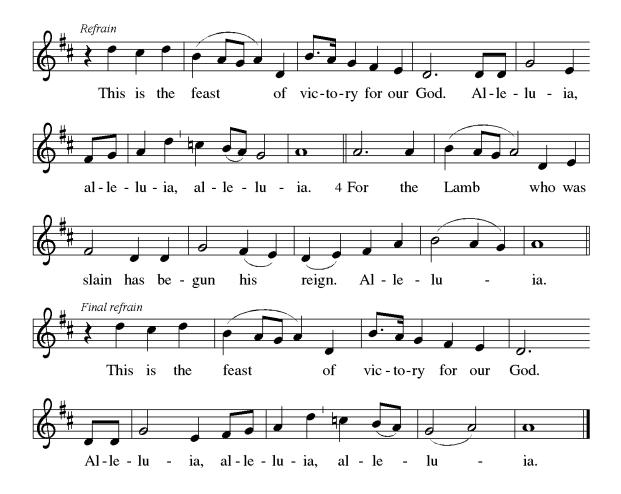
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GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

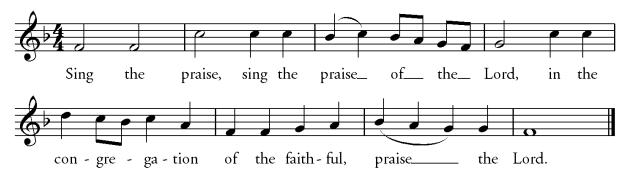
As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 149

The refrain is introduced by the Organ. Please sing the refrain the 2nd time. Please sing all the verses.



tone: SINE NOMINE



Hallelujah! ... Sing to the [Lord a] new song; * sing his praise in the congregation [of] the faithful.

Let Israel re-[joice in] his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful [in] their King.

Let them praise his [Name in] the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with [timbrel] and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure [in] his people *
and adorns the [poor] with victory.

Antiphon

Let the faithful re-[joice] in triumph; *
let them be joyful [on] their beds.

Let the praises of God be [in] their throat *
and a two-edged [sword in] their hand;

To wreak vengeance [on] the nations *
and punishment [on] the peoples;

To bind their [kings] in chains *
and their nobles with [links] of iron;

To inflict on them the [judgment] decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people...[Hal-] lelujah!

Antiphon

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"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.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY• ELW 422

For All The Saints



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of all saints,

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ; our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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CELLO VOLUNTARY

Prayer

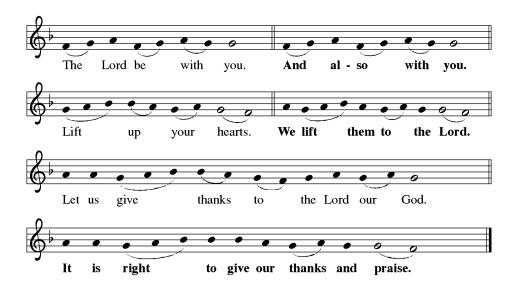
Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

OFFERING PRAYER

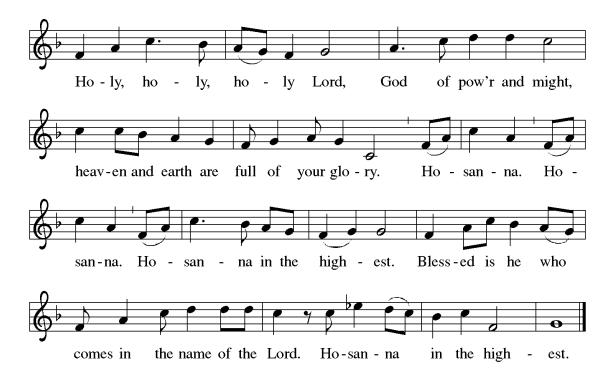
Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before us. Let us gather here with all the saints. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

TOLLING OF THE ROLL

Benjamin Davis
Virginia Ashley
Lyla Jydstrup
Eleanor McIntyre
All who have died from COVID

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

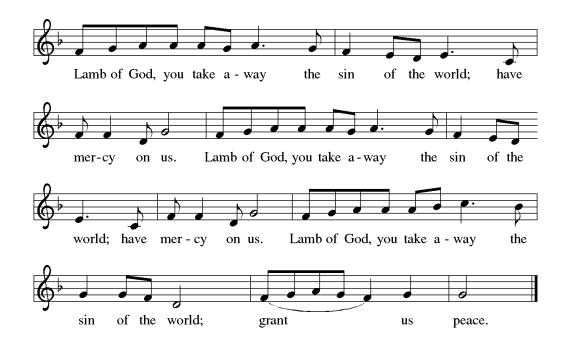
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN• ELW 423

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

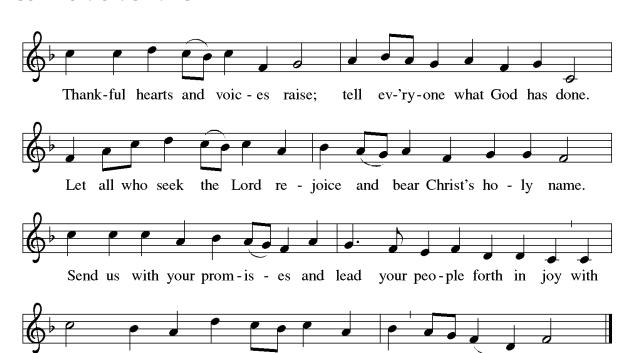
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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

shouts

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Al-le-lu

ia.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 874

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



- Re joice, give thanks, and Re - joice, ye pure in heart! your
- With voice as full and strong o - cean's surg - ing as praise, send all the an - gel choirs, with the saints on pour
- Still lift your stan-dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal high, the cross of Christ your king. ban - ner wave on hymns of forth the old, the psalms of an - cient days. stur - dy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth. the strains of joy pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den



- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. Refrain

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Blessed be the saints.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Placare Christe Servulis

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

(O Christ, Thy guilty people spare)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor* The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

COMMUNION SERVER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, Confirmation Pastor

READER

Jonathan Thornton

MUSICIAN

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist* Sarah Aderholdt, *Cello*

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, November 6—All Saints Sunday 8:45 AM Holy Communion 10:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class

10:00 AM SLSHY 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Reception

11:15 AM Holy Communion

3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation (Zoom)

5:00 PM All Saints Evensong

MONDAY, November 7

6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, November 8

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 AM Election Day 4:30 PM Piano Lessons

7:00 PM ESL

WEDNESDAY, November 9

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections

8:00 AM CDS Classes 10:00 AM CDS Chapel

10:00 AM Women in Community

3:00 PM En Camino

5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program

7:00 PM ESL

7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, November 10

8:00 AM CDS Classes 4:00 PM CARing Project

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, November 11

VETERANS DAY

8:00 AM CDS Classes

SATURDAY, November 12

8:30 AM Men's Group (Zoom)

9:30 AM AA 11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, Nov. 13—23rd Sunday After Pentecost

8:45 AM10:00 AM

Holy Communion
Sunday School

10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class

10:00 AMSLSHY10:00 AMSunday School10:00 AMThe Forum10:00 AMReception

11:15 AM Holy Communion

12:15 PM Thanksgiving Bag Service Project

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

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

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

Friday, November 11, 2022

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.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Friday, November 11, 2022

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.

Saint Luke Update 11/06/2022 Edition

MASKS ARE <u>ENCOURAGED</u> INDOORS AT SAINT LUKE. THANK YOU FOR STAYING SAFE AND WELL.

BLESSED BE THE SAINTS!

Today the church on earth celebrates the great community of saints, those who have gone before us in faith, those living now, and those yet to come. When we say those profound words, "I believe in the communion of saints," we profess this great community of all God's people. We will sing "Sing with all the people of God," this morning. Do you feel the presence of the saints? Do we feel the presence of that loved one who now sings with the heavenly hosts? How about the voice of the one yet to be born into our family? We rejoice in this great cloud of witnesses!

WELCOME HENRY MICHAEL

God's richest blessing to Henry Michael Danser, welcomed into the family of God this morning through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 8:45 a.m. Henry's parents are Blake and Kayley Danser. What a special day and blessed life. Welcome, Henry!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

Make sure to pick up a brochure, *Opportunities for Sharing*. They are located on the credenza's in the narthex. Also ,you may go to the electronic link. Simply go to www.saintluke.us and see the left hand column.

FINAL DAY FOR THE BLUE BINS

On **November 13**, the PreK-12th graders will be creating Thanksgiving Bags in the Great Hall, that will be given along with a grocery card to Food Pantry clients on November 18. Items needed for the Thanksgiving Bags are cereal (unsweetened), granola bars, fruit cups, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, and lotion (small bottle) and donations can be placed in the blue bins across from the sanctuary. This is the final day for donations. Monetary donations can be give at www.saintlukegive.us under the line item "children/youth service project."

ADD A TURKEY OR HEN

Saint Luke food ministry distributes about \$12,000 in food cards to over 250 individuals/families each month on the third Friday. To help with this ministry, you may purchase a turkey or hen. No, you don't have to shop and bring the bird to the church. Simply go to www.saintlukegive.us and see Thanksgiving Turkey or Thanksgiving Hen. Or take a "paper" turkey or hen from the basket on the credenza, place your donation in the envelope provided and place in the offering plate. A \$20 donation is suggested. Help make someone's holiday meal complete! Thank you.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

Pastor Morales is on a two year term call. This ends this month. The Council has recommended to the congregation that we renew Pastor's call for another two years. To vote on this motion the Council has called a special congregation meeting for Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m., in person and online. The meeting will be brief and voting will be open for a few days.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Rejoice in God's Saints

Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Green was commissioned by the Dean of Norwich Cathedral to write two processional hymns for the six-hundredth anniversary of *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian Norwich. Julian lived in an anchoritic way outside the walls of the cathedral, so Green wrote two hymns related to the monastic life. The then fashioned those two into a single hymn based on them, still monastic in nature. After being suggested to widen the scope of the hymn. This hymn, which highlights all kinds of saints in their prayer, praise, and daily living, was the result.. - ELW Hymnal Companion

For All the Saints

William W. How, 1823-1897

Based on the picture of a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church. Vaughan Williams' magnificent marching tune makes this a contemporary version of "When the saints go marching in." - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Shall we Gather at the River

Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Lowry wrote this hymn in the summer of 1864. He describes the circumstances, "hymn writers had said so much about the 'river of death' and so little about eh 'pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." As I mused," said Lowry, "the words began to construct themselves" with the question in the stanzas and the answer in the chorus. "The music came with the hymn." - ELW Hymnal Companion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Edward, h. Plumptre, 1821-1891

Everyone enjoys a festival, and this hymn was written for a Diocesan Festival in Peterborough Cathedral in 1865. It originally contained eleven stanzas, necessary to get all of the choir in. Based on Psalm 20:4, Psalm 147:1, and Philippians 4:4, it is call for youth, the elderly, men, maidens—everyone to rejoice.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain—Maurice Duruflé (1902-1996)

The Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op 7, is a tribute to Duruflé's friend and colleague and the brother of the distinguished organist Marie-Claire Alain, Jehan Alain, who would undoubtedly have become a leading French composer, and whose life was tragically snuffed at the outset of the Second World War in 1940. Duruflé arrived at the theme for this work in the same way that Ravel had done for his Minuet sur le nom d'Haydn: by extending the musical alphabet past H (the German equivalent for B natural) in the following way: A — I, B — J, C — K, D — L, E — M, F — N, G — O, H — P, etc...such that ALAIN comes out as ADAAF. In the final section of the Prélude, Duruflé quotes the theme of Alain's most popular work, Litanies. The double fugue is a stunning example of contrapuntal writing. The two fugue subjects are expounded separately in compound time: the first is written in quavers, the second in semiquavers. The composer uses the first fugue subject in inversion and stretto; the tension is heightened by closing the distance between the subject entries of the stretto, and the whole ends in a blaze of glory.—Michael McVicker

Postlude: Placare Christe Servulis—Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The toccata on the Gregorian chant *Placare Christe Servulis* is the last piece in the collection *Le Tombeau de* Titelouze's tomb). In his preface to *Le Tombeau* Dupré pays tribute to the 'rich and closely argued polyphony, the noble and pure style' of his music. 'Destined for those who are beginning the study of the organ,' he explains, 'the present collection comprises 16 chorales based on liturgical hymns, eight of which were treated by Titelouze.' The chorales are all f ingered and pedaled to assist the student, and are graded in order of difficulty, gradually adding the pedals, then a fourth and then a fifth voice, ending in a grand five -part fugue and a toccata that would surely defeat most beginners. This toccata is particularly appropriate for All Saints. Placare Christe Servulis ('To Thy poor servants reconciled, show mercy, Christ.") is found in the Roman Breviary as a hymn for Matins and Vespers on the Feast of All Saints.

New Choir Vestments

Today the choirs are wearing new vestments. They are wearing the traditional cassock and cotta to honor our Lutheran heritage, but to also to be in line with the choir vestments worn at the annual Royal School of Church Music summer courses that we plan to attend in the future.

The cassock is a black ankle-length garment with long narrow sleeves, usually buttoned in front from neck to ankle. It is not really a vestment, but a garment often worn under the alb or other vestments. (The cassock was often lined with fur in northern European countries in winter, when churches had no heat.) For clergy, the cassock is black; in some traditions, bishops wear purple or red.

The surplice is a full sleeved white vestment worn over the cassock for Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline (Prayer at the Close of the Day). It originated in the eleventh century as a monastic choir vestment. Originally ankle-length, the surplice has gradually become somewhat shorter (knee-length). A derivative vestment is the cotta, a white waist-length version of the surplice. The cotta sometimes is worn over the cassock by acolytes and choristers (elca.org)

For the Daily Offices (morning prayer, compline, vespers, evensong), it is customary for worship leaders including the choir to wear academic hoods over the cassock and cotta.