

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

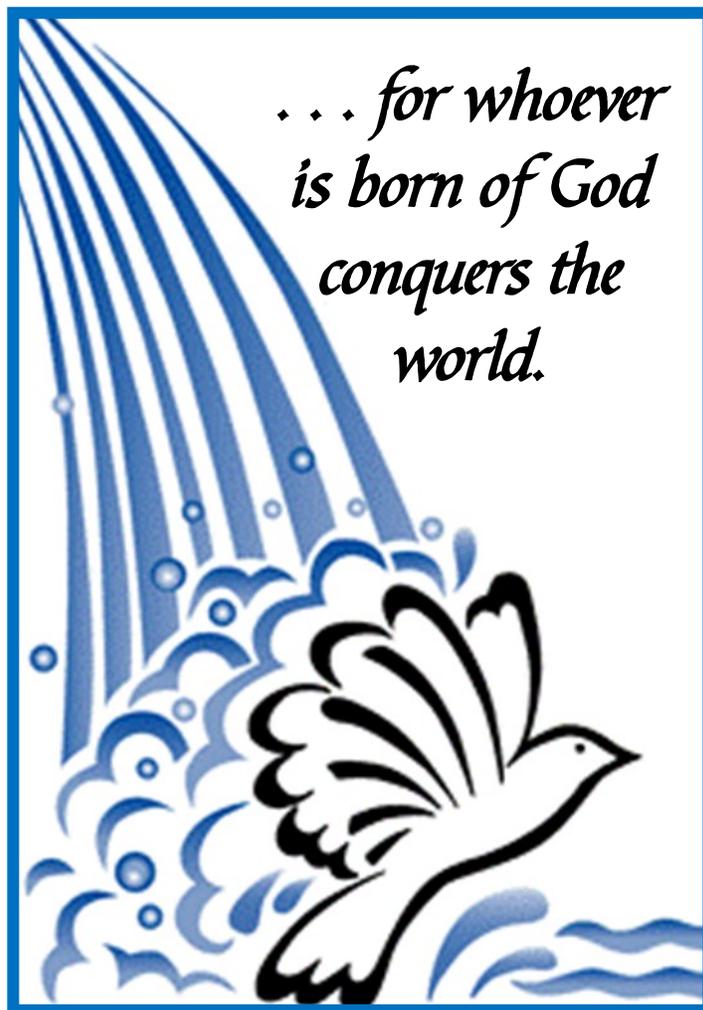
Our mission is...

"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5th, 2024

† 11:00am †



Members, Friends & Guests please sign the burgundy welcome pad and pass it to those sitting next to you. When all have signed please pass it back and welcome guests after worship.

First time guests please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate.

* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.)

(BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN # 532

GATHER US IN

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you,
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own,
Gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together. **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may receive your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

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

1 JOHN 5:1-6

* GOSPEL VERSE: HYMN # 174

CELTIC ALLELUIA
REFRAINS: ALL, VERSES: CANTOR

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read

JOHN 15:9-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR KRISTIN RICE

* HYMN OF THE DAY # 641

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Please be seated.

Confirmands, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

*Confirmands are invited to make the sign of the cross
with water from the baptismal font.*

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

HYMN # 814

TAKE, OH TAKE ME AS I AM

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDS: LAYING ON OF HANDS

We give you thanks, O God, through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen.**

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and have made public affirmation of their Baptism.

Stir up in [this confirmand] the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

During the prayers, the congregation sings:

HYMN # 787

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

(VERSES: CANTOR, REFRAINS: ALL)

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

BELL CHOIR

CANTAD AL SEÑOR (O SING TO THE LORD)

RESPONSE HYMN # 641

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.**

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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* 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 God thanks and praise.

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, and 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

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

(sing) **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.

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SHARING BREAD AND WINE

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love:



mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

REFRAINS: ALL, VERSES: CANTOR

**All are welcome, friend and stranger, at the banquet of the Savior,
All are welcome, all are welcome here.**

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HYMN # 670

BUILD US UP, LORD

**Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other;
Help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.**

Refrain **Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;
we follow in faith what's begun!**

**Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word
to spread the news of your Son!**

**Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.**

**Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. (Refrain)**

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HYMN # 732

BORNING CRY

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

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*** TABLE BLESSING**

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

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

* BENEDICTION

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and (+) bless you, now and forever. **Amen**

* SENDING HYMN # 836

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

**Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.**

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,**

stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,**

chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!**

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;**

teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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* DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace, share the good news!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS: BARBARA ROCKOW
IN MEMORY OF DAUGHTER, LESLIE ROCKOW SPIESS**



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