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Festival of All Saints

**St. John's Lutheran
Church, Sweet Air**

**November 3, 2019
8:08 & 11:08am**

**3911 Sweet Air Road,
Phoenix, MD 21131
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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE 8:08 Michael Chambers

PRELUDE 11:08 *“His Kingdom Is Forever”* -arr. Brian Childers
St. John’s Bronze

WELCOME TO LIVE THE STORY Pastor Sarah Wright
ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship is the red hymnal
P = Pastor L = Leader

HYMN *“For All the Saints”* ELW # 422
(vss. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)

1108 WELCOME ALL IN BAPTISMAL SPLASH Pastor Sarah Wright

P: We have a special All Saints Baptism due to family logistics and so we welcome forward the parents and godparents of Elawen Sophia Robinson and sister, Anna.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to celebrate and be renewed in God’s free gift of baptism?

All: I do.

POURING WATER *into the Baptismal Font.*

P: Water is the sign of cleansing and new birth. From the beginning in Genesis, the spirit of God moved over the waters.

INTRODUCTION TO COVENANT or BAPTISMAL PROMISES

P: Each one of us is called to celebrate the gift of Holy Baptism. Each one of us is called to faithfully share worship in God’s house, and teach one another the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As we all grow in years, we should have in our hands the Holy Scriptures and enter opportunities for instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of our Baptism and in communion with the Church, we may grow in faith until the day of Jesus Christ.

P: People of St. John’s, do you promise to welcome and support one another in communion with the church?

All: We will.

APOSTLES’ CREED

P: Let us together rise and renew our faith and baptism. Creed means “I believe.”
Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION is in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOINTING

P: We remember we are anointed in baptism. Paul in Ephesians says, “*you are sealed by the holy spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever*”

WHY A CANDLE IS A SIGN

P: As Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel: “*Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*”

P: Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters:

All: We welcome you to the Lord's family. We receive one another as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

certificates are presented.

808 FORGIVE AND LIVE

Assisting Minister

L: Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayer of naming our sin and receiving God's forgiveness.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Prepare the way of the Lord! The first step is to name our sin. Our life is tangled in sin. Sin is our stubborn disobedience from God. We prefer to say, “my way” over “God's way.” Let us pause and be honest about our struggle to Live the Story God's way.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Prepare the way of the Lord! We are not alone in this daily struggle to Live the Story. Confession is saying what God already knows. The New Testament book of James 5:16 says “*therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you might be healed.*” Confession admits our sin and our need God's forgiveness.

All: 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

L: The next step is to receive God's forgiveness and remember God's promise. Forgiveness is a release from sin. Forgiveness is about new life. We are called to live the story of grace. We are called to live the story of unconditional love. We are called to live the story of faith. This story is not just for us, this grace is for all sinners; the worst sinners! Are you willing to live the story of forgiveness? Are you willing to forgive others?

All: **Yes. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.** (2 Corinthians 13:14).

L: Please rise as you are able as we prayerfully sing Lord have mercy.

808 KYRIE means "Lord"

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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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

- John Abendschein
- Jack Arsenault
- Gail Blauvelt
- Harvey Blevins
- Pastor Partee Boliek
- James Brunner
- Wendy Caffrey
- Martin Cain
- Bill Clark
- Diane Corkran
- Linda Daiker
- Gertrude Fox
- Libby Gill
- Chris Ginder
- Sherri Glock
- Eric Goedeke
- Mitchell Greene
- The Hobbs family
- Orville Hughes
- John Kuchar
- Ray Lawson
- Jackie Lober
- Barry Lucas
- Jim Marshall
- Bill Moesinger
- Jo Morrison
- The Murphy family
- Heike Niesius
- Mary Prime
- Bob Rigger
- Scott & Michelle Schober
- Claire Sigwart
- Audrina Smith
- Dylan Spencer
- Tom Stack
- Warren & Ann Theill
- Ava Waddell
- Kathleen Wajer

Condolences:

Prayers of comfort for the family of Mary Dowds, aunt of Sharyn Kearney

Special needs:

All those devastated by natural disasters
All affected by acts of violence
Turmoil in Haiti

This week we pray for:

- † Youth and Family Ministry Team
- † Worship & Music Committee
- † Jubilee Singers

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Nelson and Carolyn Bengel
Brad & Nancy Bergeron,
Tyler, Bailey
Alma Bethke

*Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. **Visitation:** please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!*

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” ELW # 488

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able and receive God’s blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

All: Amen.

L: Let us pray

All: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Sarah Wright

BENEDICTION

Pastor Sarah Wright

HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” ELW # 871
(Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART)

MISSION

L: Let us live the story:

All: Welcome All. Tell the Story. Grow as Disciples.

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.

8:08 THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain
Assisting minister
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.
All
1 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.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and

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

Final refrain

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

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray. God of promise, you have picked up your prophets and restored them to strength when they were ready to quit. Take us also and gently awaken us to the commitment we have made to serve you, knowing that you will never leave us on our own. Help us safely grieve the dearly departed saints and to hold fast to the promise that you save in Jesus' name, Amen.

L: Please be seated.

BIBLE READING 1 Kings 18:(17-19) 20-39

Reader

Reader: We are called to Live the Story. We continue in the historic book of Kings for the Act 4 Israel and the prophets. The prophet Elijah feels like a minority among the prophets of Baal. Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence. In the midst of loss, fear, and challenge, who do we call on? A reading from 1st Kings chapter 18:

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸ He answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

P: The prophets called the children of God to live a new life. Jesus called the disciples to live a new life. The Passover is a story of holy deliverance out of slavery and sin into new life. Jesus at the meal of remembrance took the bread, gave thanks to God, and gave it to the disciples and said, "take and eat this is my body given for you." Do this in remembrance of me."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup. Jesus gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying "this cup is the new promise in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

As the children of God we continue to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Today, Communion will be celebrated at the altar rail. Follow the guide of the ushers to start at the center of the rail. You're invited to receive the bread (gluten-free), then individual glasses of red wine or white grape juice. The presiding pastor will bless and dismiss everyone once all have received. If you have difficulty making it up the steps to the railing, notify an usher and it would be our privilege to bring Communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Setting four ELW page 154

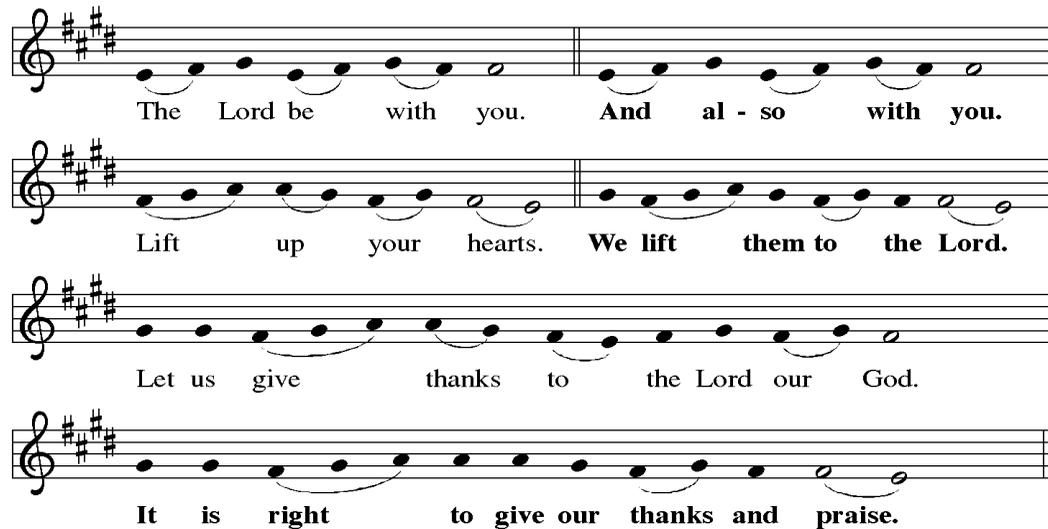
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

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

have received so much. You are the true treasure. Receive our offering. Even in the wilderness, may our mission be to love you and love our neighbor with all our heart in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

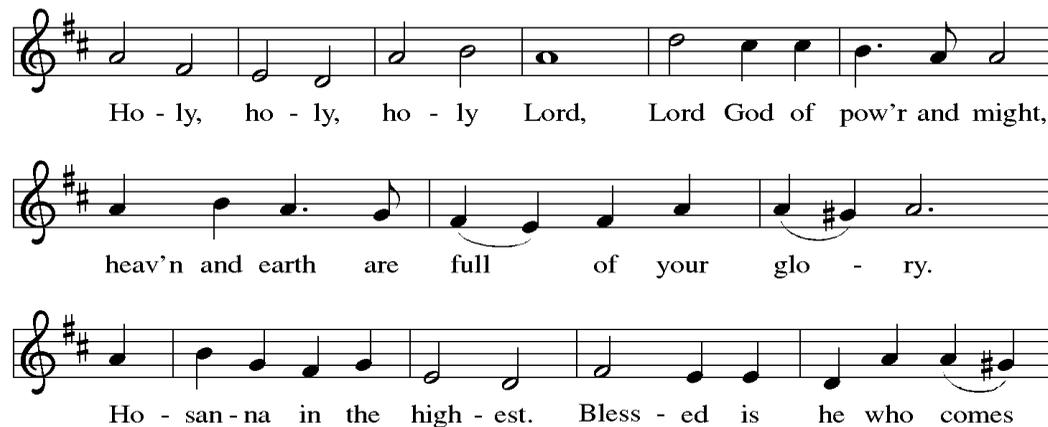
Pastor Sarah Wright



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: The story of God starts in the beginning with breath of life. Even in the story of sin, God made a promise of saving love. God continues to call us to receive, share and live the story of new life. It is our duty and delight to tell the story. So with the church on earth and all those who have gone before us, we remember God is holy love and join the unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



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

Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. ²³ Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!" ²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it." ²⁶ So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. ²⁷ At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." ²⁸ Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. ²⁹ As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response. ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; ³² with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³ Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." ³⁴ Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time, ³⁵ so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water. ³⁶ At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. ³⁷ Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." ³⁸ Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God."

Reader: Word of Wisdom. Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God.

LIVE THE STORY

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

ELW # 418

You may be seated.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

L: There are many who have walked the path before us showing us the way with their lives.

All: We come to give thanks for them.

L: As they were called, so are we called, to live in Jesus.

All: We come to give thanks for them.

L: For all who suffer the pain of loss and separation, for those who still mourn, for anyone who struggles to go on living, we pray to the Lord of comfort.

All: Lord, comfort your people.

L: We take a moment of silence to remember with thanks those who have touched our lives so deeply who now rest from their labors.

Moment of holy silence

L: On this day, with great affection we remember before You, O Everlasting God these members and friends who have passed from this life during the past year.

*Names submitted will be read and a bell will ring after each name.
We invited a picture as an option.*

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| Shirley Alexander | Wayne Dougherty | Fred Meise |
| Tom Allen | David Durian | Leona Mickey |
| Shirley Bareham | Martha Falk | Stanley Miller |
| Ken Bareham | Doris Fehr | Bill Moulds |
| Anthony “Phil” Chiralo | AJ Goode | Paul Olah |
| Robin Cianos | Melvin Gray | Harriett Ritterhoff |
| Rose Como | George Gutos | Arnold Saboy |
| Raymond Cook | Mark Habicht | Fred Schober |
| Betty Crowe | Roger Hayden | Charles Smith |
| Ava Daniels | Ann Hendrix | Richard Spahr |
| Charlotte DeLoach | Tiffany Henning | Keith Straley |
| Mary Dowds | Lucy Hewitt | Margaret Trout |
| Lawrence G. Dixon | Paul Krause | Gloria Weaver |
| Frank Dorn | Barry Kuhne | Ruth Welkner |
| Iona Dorn | Bob McDaniel | Margaret Winsome |
| | Evelyn McKeithan | Janet Wunderlich |

L: Let us remember the promise of Romans 6:4 ...

All: “As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too shall walk in the newness of life!”

L: Let us keep the faith until that day when we shall be united with those who have gone before us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister

L: You are invited to sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

SHARING PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Let us rise so we may share peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another especially visitors.

*If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers.
We are a very loving church,
but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.
Hand sanitizer is at the corners of the church*

OFFERING & MUSIC

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don’t forget your yellow pew card.

OFFERTORY MUSIC 8:08

“His Kingdom Is Forever”
St. John’s Bronze

-arr. Brian Childers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 11:08

“We Will Need No Candle”
Jubilee Singers

-Joseph M. Martin

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.
Please rise as you are able & offering plates will be brought forward.*

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: Blessed are we who have heard the Word of the Lord and blessed are we who