

Welcome to

# All Saints Lutheran Church

...where God calls us to spread God's message of  
love and grace through word and action.

## **TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023**  
**9:30am**

## ***Welcome to Worship!***

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;  
and that is what we are. 1John 3:1a*

We invite all into the grace, love and acceptance we have from God. WE WELCOME YOU: who you are, as you are; where you are coming from. We welcome:

all sexual orientations and gender identities  
all ages, financial situations, married, divorced, single, with or without children  
all racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds  
all who are struggling with addictions and other personal hardships  
all levels of physical and mental health and abilities  
all faith backgrounds, those questioning their faith, and those new to faith

Every one is welcome. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We invite all to fully participate in the life and ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church where we seek to share God's love and grace, through word and action.

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful. Colossians 3:14,15*

### **A Special Welcome to Visitors**

Our worship is enriched because you are here!  
You are welcome to participate in all activities of the congregation. Join us for coffee and conversation after worship—we'd like to get to know you!

### **Children are Welcome in Worship**

We believe that children are not "the future of the church" but are the present of the church. Their presence is a gift to us all. Picture books and activity bags are available for children's use during worship.

### **Communion at All Saints**

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharist hospitality: all baptized persons are welcome to communion. Any who prefer not to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing; simply keep your hands folded to indicate this preference. Both wine & grape juice are available, and gluten-free wafers are available on request.

## **OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

*God calls us to spread God's message of love and grace through word and action.*

### **Our Guiding Principles**

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD AND SAVIOR.

WE BELIEVE.

*We seek to grow in our faith and relationship with God.  
We offer opportunities for all to come to know Jesus Christ.*

WE LISTEN.

*We pray boldly, seeking the guidance and transforming power of the Holy Spirit.  
We seek to understand the needs of individuals and the community.*

WE ACT.

*We demonstrate God's grace in our relationships with others  
through caring, sharing, and respect for all.  
We serve others first and seek justice and reconciliation in the church, community, and the world.*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### AUGUST 20, 2023

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

<b>GATHERING</b> THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.
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**PRELUDE**

**MEGAN SCHWARTZ**

**WELCOME**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
To you, O God,

**All:**    **all hearts are open, to you all desires known.**  
**We come to you, confessing our sins.**  
**Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.**  
**Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth,**  
**for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

**All:**    **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

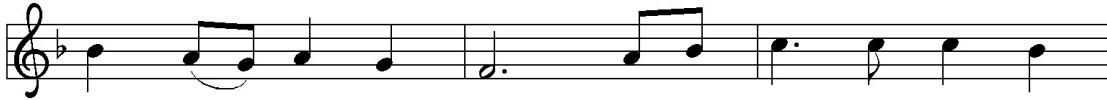
ALL ARE WELCOME



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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## THE GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<b>WORD</b> GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.
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## FIRST READING

### ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8 (NRSV)

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community – not race, nationality, or any other category.*

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 67**

**READ RESPONSIVELY**

Lector	May God be merciful to us and bless us;	All	<b>for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.</b>
All	<b>may the light of God's face shine upon us.</b>	Lector	Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Lector	Let your way be known upon earth,	All	<b>let all the peoples praise you.</b>
All	<b>your saving health among all nations.</b>	Lector	<b>The earth has brought forth its increase;</b>
Lector	Let the peoples praise you, O God;	All	<b>God, our own God, has blessed us.</b>
All	<b>let all the peoples praise you.</b>	Lector	May God give us blessing,
Lector	Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,	All	<b>and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.</b>

**SECOND READING**

**ROMANS 11: 1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)**

*The second reading bears the witness of the early Church.*

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### MATTHEW 15:1-28 (NRSV)

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Dave Miller**

*Please stand as you are able...*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: *Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.*

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O God" We respond, "***Your mercy is great.***"

*Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**All: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*We exchange the Peace of Christ, greeting each other with words of peace, aware that Christ is in our midst in the faces of those around us.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>MEAL</b>	<b>GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.</b>
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## OFFERING

*We now receive an offering for the work of ministry.  
You also may give through Tithe.ly on our website, by mailing a check  
to the office or sending a check through your bank.*



OFFERTORY HYMN

GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assistant: *God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.*

**All:       Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving.  
With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All:       And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All:       We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:       It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.  
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Pastor: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

### LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

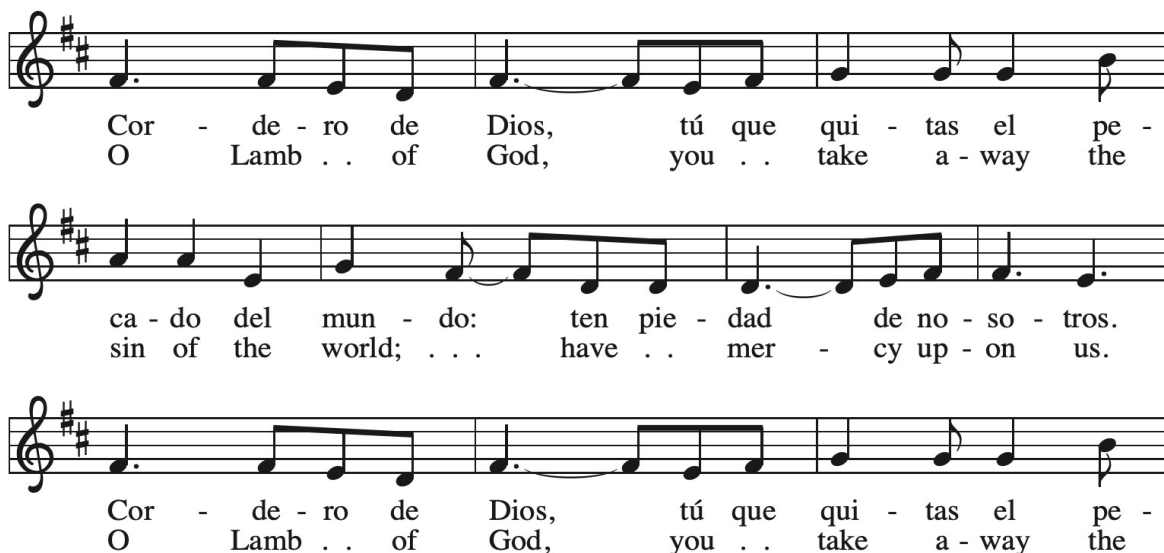
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

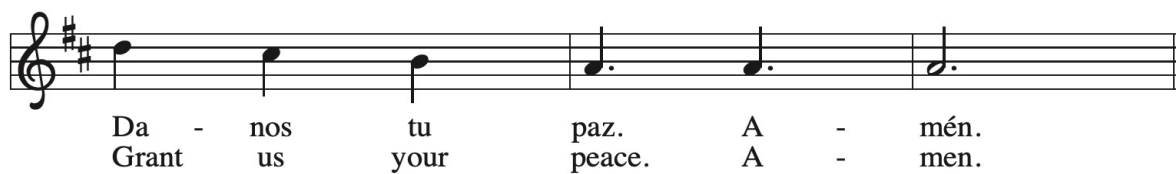
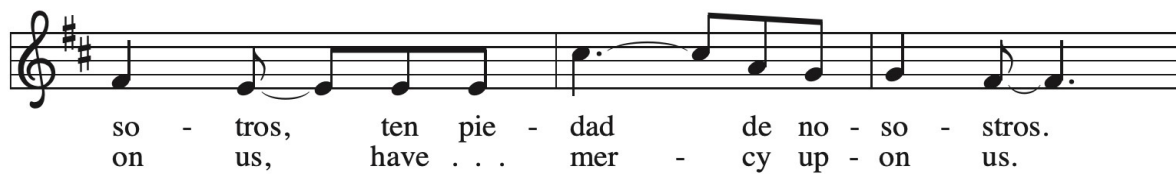
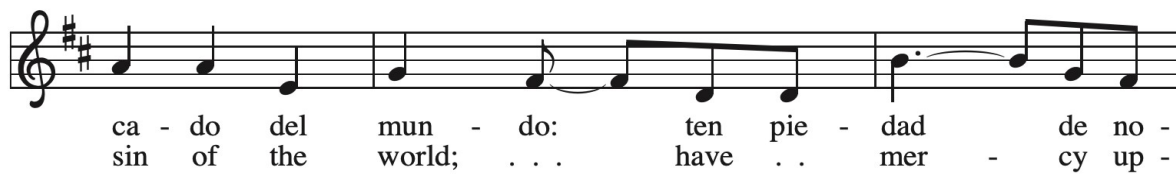
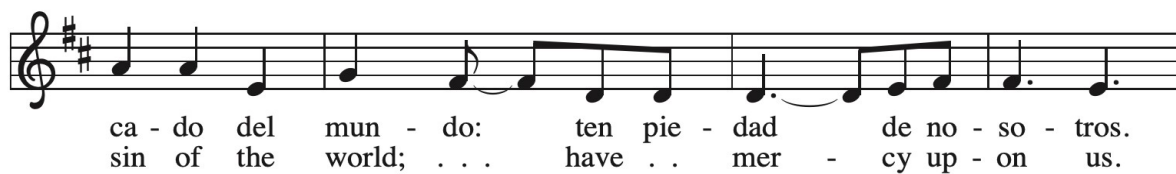
*The ushers will invite you forward for communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request. White grape juice is in the center area of the communion trays.*



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



## COMMUNION

## BUILD A LONGER TABLE



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior strengthen you and give you life.

All: Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: *We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord*

**All:       Amen.**

<b>SENDING</b> GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.
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### **BLESSING**

Pastor: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
⊕ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**All:       Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

## RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **In WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Ministers</b>	<i>All Saints' Faith Community</i>
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	<i>Pr. Dave Miller</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<i>Peter Quam</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Pat Cash</i>
<b>Pianist</b>	<i>Megan Sschwartz</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>John &amp; Marian Caldwell</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Linda Guinther, Michele Damazyn</i>
<b>Video Tech</b>	<i>Terry Fischer</i>

**Altar Flowers**  
are given by Kristin Robertson  
in memory of Noreen Geddes.

**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*2 San Marin Drive, Novato, California 94945*

**Office Hours**  
**9:00a.m.- 1:30p.m.**  
***Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday***

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## ALL SAINTS NEWS

### SECOND SUNDAY-SECOND MILE

Our Second Mile Giving ministry partner for the month of August is the Sierra Pacific Synod ELCA. Our Synod, as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, assists and guides congregations in sharing the gospel and grace of Jesus Christ.

Through the Conference Deans and Bishop's staff, congregations are assisted in the pastoral call process. The Synod counsels with students during their time at PLTS, supports the churchwide ELCA with an annual donation, has a number of ministry teams in place who address various aspects of growth and development for congregations.

The only ministry 'funds' available to and through the Synod (and on to ELCA churchwide) are the gifts given in congregations.

You may make a Second Mile offering any time throughout the month.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer that you would like on the All Saints prayer chain email **Terry Fischer** at **[allsaintsprayers@comcast.net](mailto:allsaintsprayers@comcast.net)** or phone (415) 892-3033.

### PIZZA BEGINS

Novato schools are opening soon, and we will be starting pizza lunch serving again. Start date is September 7, and we serve pizza on Thursdays throughout the school year. This has been a great connection with San Marin High School. We are looking for a few more people to join our pizza lunch serving team, and part-timers are welcome. If you are interested, or would like to know more, please talk to Peter Quam, Val Banta, June Davis, or Linda King.

### GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

August *Girl's Night Out* will be Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00p.m. at China Palace on Redwood Blvd just south of the Safeway shopping center. This is a no host evening meal with women from All Saints-and any friends they might include. *Fun Fellowship!*

See kiosk to sign up so we can have numbers to give to the restaurant. Or, you can contact Linda Guinther at 415.246.7918

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### THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN PRAYER

Teagan, Linda McAndrew, Judy, Reiko,  
Trent Blake, Jackie Green, Gerrod, Evelyn,  
Neyat Tesfay, Greg Burnett, Melissa,  
Barbie & Shorty Lewis, Larry Holoman  
Krystal, Ray & Estelle Davis, Dennis,  
John M., Bob Hodges, the Minhondo Family

**THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS**  
**AUGUST 20-27, 2023**

**SUNDAY:**     PENTECOST 12  
                   *Hybrid Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.*  
                   *Al Anon – 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.*  
                   *AA – 8:30 p.m.*

**MONDAY:**

**TUESDAY:**   *Health & Wellness - 9:00 a.m.*

**WEDNESDAY:**

**THURSDAY:**

**FRIDAY:**

**SATURDAY:**   *Briggs Memorial Service - 4 p.m. All Saints*  
                   *AA – 8:00 p.m.*

**SUNDAY:**     PENTECOST 13  
                   *Hybrid Worship Service – 9:30 a.m.*  
                   *Smith Memorial Service – 1:00p.m. Jonas Center, IVC*  
                   *Al Anon – 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.*  
                   *AA – 8:30 p.m.*

OFFERING REPORT			
<i>July Offerings</i>	<i>Monthly Anticipated</i>	<i>YTD Offerings</i>	<i>YTD Anticipated</i>
\$18,690.00	\$13,500	\$122,307.00	\$116,550.00
		*includes the \$9,319.01 Dec 2022 offering posted in Jan. 2023	