Welcome to

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany



Sunday, January 21, 2024 9:30am Worship

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

WELCOME

PRELUDE JOHN BOYAJY

Before the Prelude, speak to one another. During the Prelude, speak to God. During worship, let God speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

Please rise as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth,

wind sweeping over the waters.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our rock and refuge,

All: we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

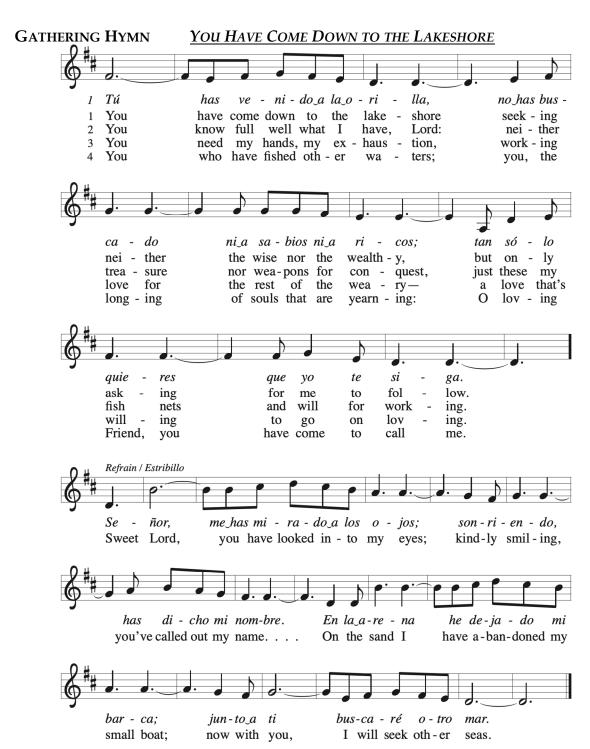
Amen.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

All: Amen.



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HOLY WELCOME

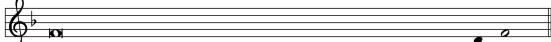
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the

Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.







For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

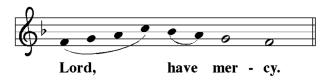


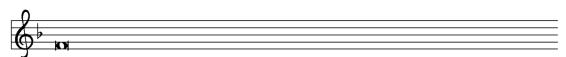


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

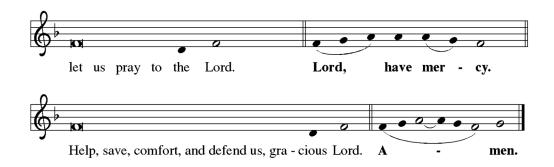


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



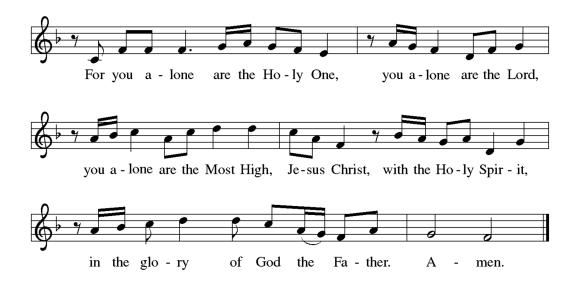


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



GLORIA





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless

blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING

ONAH 31-5,10 (NRSV)

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12 (NRSV)

Lector: For God alone I wait in silence;

All: truly, my hope is in God.

Lector: God alone is my rock and my

salvation,

All: my stronghold, so that I shall

never be shaken.

Lector: In God is my deliverance and my

honor;

All: God is my strong rock and my

refuge.

Lector: Put your trust in God always, O

people,

All: pour out your hearts before the

one who is our refuge.

Lector: Those of high degree are but a

fleeting breath; those of low estate

cannot be trusted.

Please read responsively

All: Placed on the scales together they

weigh even less than a breath.

Lector: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery

take no empty pride;

All: though wealth increase, set not

your heart upon it.

Lector: God has spoken once, twice have I

heard it,

All: that power belongs to God.

Lector: Steadfast love belongs to you, O

Lord,

All: for you repay all according to their

deeds.

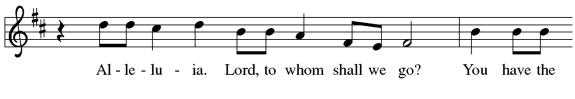
<u>I CORINTHIANS 7:29-31</u>

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

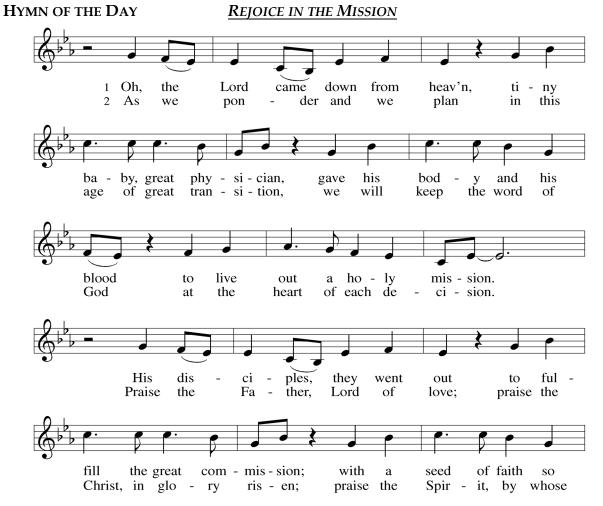
MARK 1:14-20 (NRSV)

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON PR. BOB WILLSE

Please rise as you are able.





Text: Dan Bielenberg

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Appalachian traditional, adapt. Dori Erwin Collins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing

on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends **God of grace**. The congregational response is **Receive our prayer**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

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.

You may be seated.

≪ ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Today we receive a second, special offering for our Second Mile Partners: Companion Synods in Rwanda, El Salvador and Taiwan Thank you.

CHORAL OFFERING GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup

you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and

follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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.

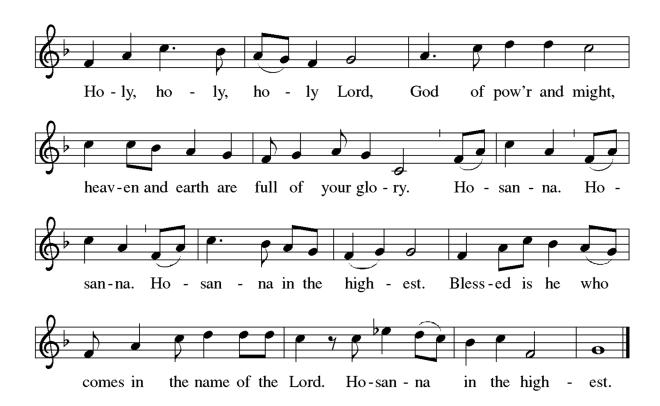
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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...we praise your name and join their

unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The presiding minister speaks holy words, recalling the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a holy meal with his followers and proclaiming God's grace. Jesus Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine.

THE 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.

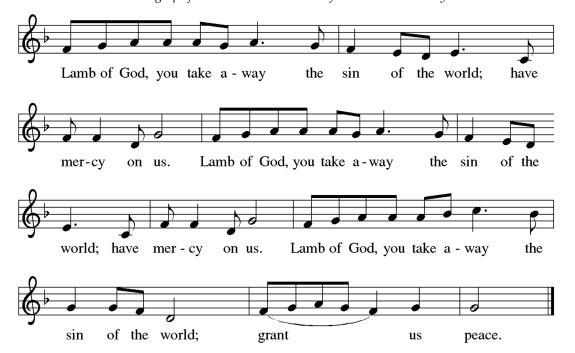
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

You may be seated.

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.



COMMUNION HYMN YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART



TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you

in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We ask God to help us extend the blessing of the table in our lives and in the world.

Assisting Minister: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

12 All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in

you, + bless you and remain with you always.

All: Amen



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

All: Thanks be to God.

In WORSHIP TODAY

Ministers All Saints' Faith Community

Presiding Minister Pr. Bob Willse

Assisting MinisterPat Cash

Lector Kristin Robertson

Pianist John Boyajy

Ushers Mary Nordquist, Ruan Edano

Choir DirectorBen DeShazo-Couchot

Altar Guild Linda King, Vera Janikowski

Video Tech Mike Corlett

Altar Flowers

celebration Megan Schwartz's 30th Birthday

Organ Flowers

are in celebration of Peter Quam's 82nd birthday

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Offering Report December			
December Offerings	Monthly Anticipated	YTD Offerings	YTD Anticipated
\$20,416	\$16,650	213,904	\$199,800
		*includes the \$9,319.01 Dec .2022 offering posted in Jan.2023	

ALL SAINTS NEWS

JANUARY SECOND MILE

During the month of January our Second Mile offerings will be divided among the Sierra Pacific Synod's Companion Synods:

The Lutheran Church of Rwanda Lutheran Church of El Salvador Taiwan Lutheran Church

Please keep these Sister Synods around the world in your prayers this month and consider an additional offering toward their ministries. The Sierra Pacific Synod is blessed to walk alongside these churches (along with our domestic companion synod of S. Dakota) in mutual ministry as we proclaim God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying love in all the world.

FILL THE BLUE BARREL

We know how cold we all have been of late. Consider those who are unhoused. We are always collecting socks for those sisters and brothers of ours. I am sure gloves and hats might also come in hany. Let's fill the barrel again soon!!

** Official Notice **

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

JANUARY 28, 2024

following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Be sure to stay!

Annual Reports are available today.

Please let Pat know if you prefer a digital copy.

Please note the Sign Up sheet on the kiosk to offer to bring snacks for the Annual Meeting. Snacks are meant to be simple and brunchy in nature. Thank you

MINOR CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE

Peter Quam is resuming his class on the *Minor Characters of the Bible* today following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer that you would like on the All Saints prayer chain email

allsaintsprayers@comcast.net or phone (415) 892-3033.

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

Linda McAndrew, John Sack, Jackie Green, Neyat Tesfay, Evelyn Mattson, Dan Salas, Gerrod Herndon, Teagen Fettig, Josie Ranjo, Audrey, Michele Greg MacIntosh, Eli Roncal, Megan, Bob Hodges, Nicole Berg, David Caldwell

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS JANUARY 21-28, 2024

TODAY: EPIPHANY III

Worship - 9:30a.m

Resplandor de Gloria — 5:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. Al Anon — 7:15p.m. — Sorensen Room AA — 8:30p.m. — Fellowship Hall

MONDAY: Bible Study – 10:30a.m.

NMA - 4:30-9:00P.M.

TUESDAY: Church Office -9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Health & Wellness - 9:00a.m.

Choir -7:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY: <u>Church Office - 9:00a.m - 1:30p.m.</u>

Resplandor de Gloria — 5:30 - 9:00p.m.

THURSDAY: Church Office closed

Pizza Lunch - noon

FRIDAY: Church Office 9:00a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Resplandor de Gloria - 5:30 - 9:00p.m.

SATURDAY: AA - 8:00p.m.

SUNDAY: EPIPHANY IV

Hybrid Worship — 9:30a.m. Annual Meeting — 10:45a.m.

Resplandor de Gloria - 5:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Al Anon — 7:15p.m. — Sorensen Room AA — 8:30p.m. — Fellowship Hall