

All Saints Lutheran Church



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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We are witnesses,
to the love God has poured into us.
As witnesses to God's love,
we then freely give it, sharing it with each person we meet.
And everyone we encounter bears witness to God's love,
because they too are children of God like us,
sisters and brothers in God's family.

Prayer of Confession

L: God, You have told us to trust in you with all of our hearts.
C: You have told us not to lean on our own understanding.

L: And so we try to trust,
C: but we get very nervous when we don't understand.

L: When our future seems uncertain,
C: we get scared and we hoard up, forgetting our call to tend your sheep.

L: We don't understand what you mean by
C: **"This bread is my body."
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood."**

L: We don't understand who will betray you
C: **or why
or what that will mean for us.**

L: We don't understand how death is victory.
C: **We don't understand post-resurrection life—yours or ours.**

L: We don't understand why you ask us to stay here,
C: **And we're afraid we will somehow miss the power
when it comes down from on high.**

Silence for reflection

L: Jesus is gentle with our doubts.
The Spirit offers us peace in the midst of our lack of understanding.
The One who created us leads us step by step into deeper trust.
C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

1. As saints of old their first fruits brought
Of orchard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today first fruits would bring,
The wealth of this good land,
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

2. A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give
To make our life an offering
To God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true.
A world redeemed by Christ-like love
All life in Christ made new.

3. In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ your Son
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900-1996, alt.

Music: English Folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1972-1958

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Prayer of the Day

L: When we are blinded by anger, you pour out your love for all to see.
When we wonder what tomorrow will bring, you call us to trust in you.
When sadness fills our lives, you plant gladness in our hearts.
God of Easter:

C: touch us with your grace.

L: You show us your hands, so we may reach out to mend the broken.
You show us your feet, so we may walk with those the world passes by.
You show us your face, so we may know what our sisters and brothers look like.
Risen Christ:

C: touch us with your compassion.

L: You open our eyes, so we may see God's love.
You open our minds, so we may welcome God's Word.
You open our lips, so we may be God's witnesses.
You open our hands, so that we give generously to those in need.
Spirit of Hope:

C: touch us with your peace.

L: All this we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Word Luke 24: 36b-48

^{36b} Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah⁴⁷ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Matt Schroeder

Hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving"

#ELW 689 v 1, 2 &4

1. Praise and Thanksgiving, God we would offer
For all things living, you have made good;
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2. God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

4. Then will your blessing reach every people,
Freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
Your love sustaining showers the land,

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.

Music: Gaelic tune; arr. Hymnal version

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Offering Prayer

L: God of great gifts:

This morning we give you praise,
we give you glory,
we give you thanks!

With resurrection humming in our hearts,
our minds are tuned to your song of peace!

We joyfully present these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come!

C: Amen

Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...(proper preface continues)

Words of institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

(At this time we will call the First Communion youth and their parents forward to receive communion and then the congregation will take part in Communion.)

The following youth have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table, and so they are invited to participate for the first time.

Natalie Glander

Jonah Kolstad

Wyatt Kolstad

Averie Mackenthun

Asher Storms

Natalie Vos

L: We welcome you to the Lord's table. We thank God for you and rejoice in your being among us. We pray that you will remain faithful to Christ and to His Church, finding joy and strength in His body and blood, the signs of His love for the world.

The body of Christ, given for you. (You may eat the wafer)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. (You may drink the grape juice).

Communion Blessing

Benediction and Sending

L: Step out into the world in humble confidence:
there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen,
and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you,
preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son.
And the blessing of God all-loving,
the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor,
will be with you now and always.

C: Amen!

Hymn

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

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1 Lord, you give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:

Refrain:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:

“In my name, baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community: [Refrain]

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity: [Refrain]

Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Accompanist: Chris Starr

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

We are glad you chose to worship at All Saints today. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and that you feel at home with our congregation. If you want to learn more about All Saints or are looking to be connected, visit

www.allsaintsnya.org or contact one of our staff:

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Remember in Prayer

Nate and Laura Aune's newborn daughter for healing

Dick Docken for healing

Nelda Duenow for healing

Brian Foster for healing

Laurie Hilgers' father for peace and comfort

Linda Schrupp for healing

Betty Bingham for healing

Cassie Storms for healing

Kassie Harms for healing

Carter Serna at Basic Training for Marines

Andrew Haley stationed in Virginia

The Week Ahead:

Sun	April 18	Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am 9:30 am Sunday School
Mon	April 19	6:30 pm Finance Ministry Team Meets
Tue	April 20	6:30 pm Church Council
Thurs	April 21	8:00 pm AA
Sun	April 25	Blessing of the Seed and Soil Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am 9:30 am Sunday School

Blessing of Seed and Soil

Don't miss our annual Blessing of the Seed and Soil worship service on Sunday, April 25 at 8:00 & 9:30 am. If weather is permitting we will go outside at the end of the service to gather in the front yard.



Annual Fish Fry, Monday, May 3 at 6:00 pm

Join us for the All Saints Annual Fish Fry in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Mark and Rachel Slater from Slater Sales we have rod and reel combinations to give away not to mention the great food.

All Saints Annual Garage Sale July 15 ,16 & 17, 2021

It's back! Mark your calendars. Are you spring cleaning? Save your 'treasures' for the garage sale. More info to come.



Vacation Bible School

VBS is June 7-10, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2021

Forms are available at the Welcome Center or at www.allsaintsnva.org

VBS is for students Age 3-Grade 6 (entering fall 2021).

Our theme is "Rocky Railway - Jesus Power Pulls us Through"

We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

All are invited to VBS at All Saints so tell your friends & neighbors!

Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Transportation is available.



VBS Staffing

We are looking for fun, energetic volunteers for VBS for the following areas:

1st grade, 2nd grade or 4th grade classroom teachers (volunteers should be entering Grade 9 and above)

Classroom helpers (volunteers should be entering Grade 7 and above)

Game helpers (volunteers should be entering Grade 7 and above)

If you are interested please contact Darcy at 952-467-3388 or dgray@allsaintsnva.org.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGN?

You probably know that our church sign at the edge of the parking lot had been falling apart for a long time, and last spring "bit the dust." It was temporarily replaced with banners.

HOW WILL WE DO IT?

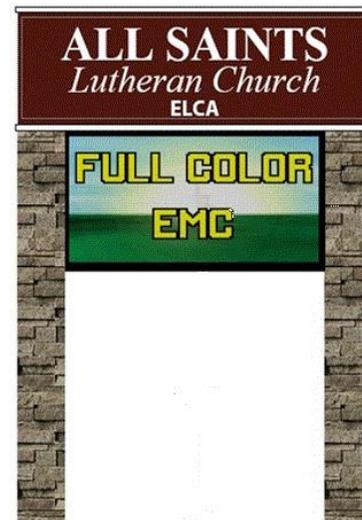
The cost of a new sign is \$55,000 - however, giving has already begun and **we have received over HALF of the goal amount!** In the church entry, there is a large picture puzzle with half of the pieces in place. The other pieces are on the wall in random order. Every time gifts add up to \$700, another puzzle piece goes in place, and when we reach the final goal, we will be able to **"SEE THE SIGN!"**

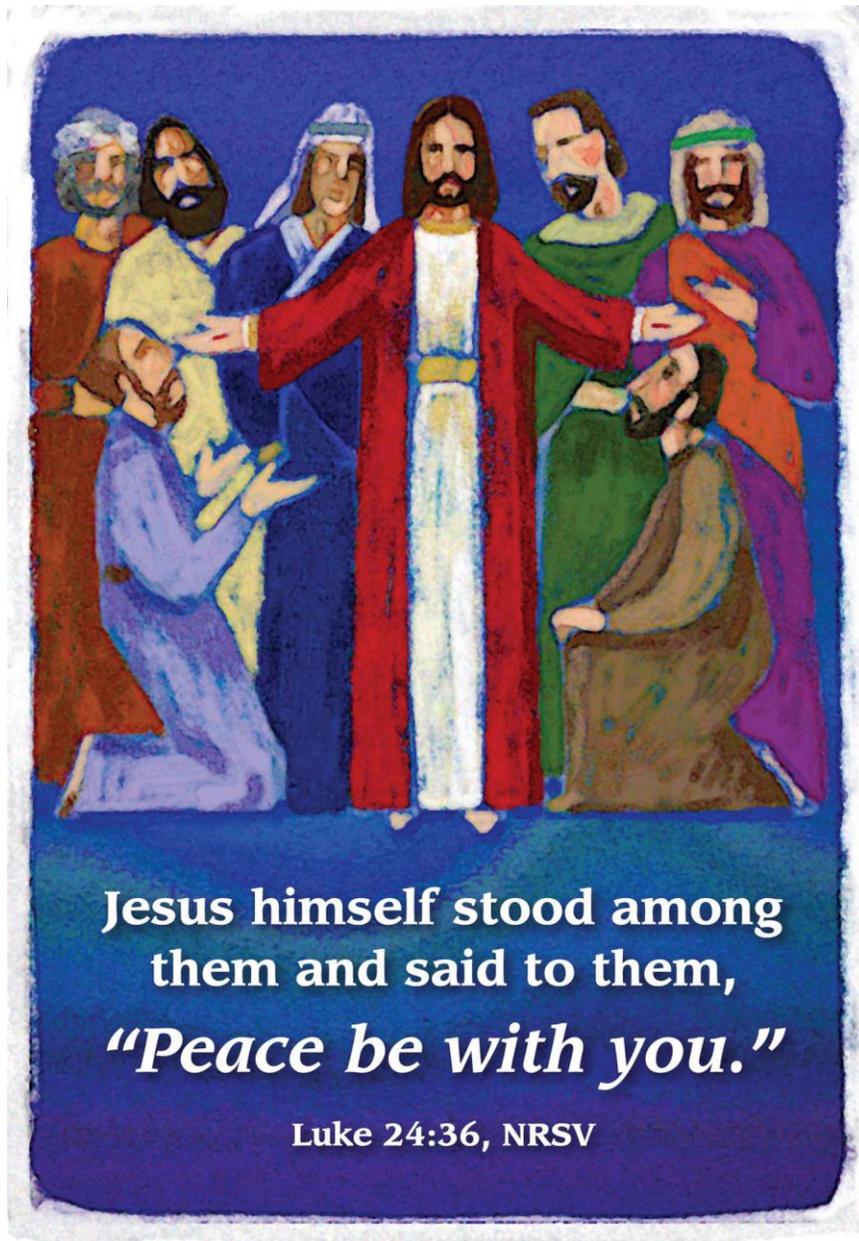
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Any amount you are able to give will help us reach our goal. There will be a place on the All Saints website where you can donate to the sign project. www.allsaintsnva.org

If you write a check, please make it out to All Saints, and designate it for the **Sign Fund**. If you give cash, please write **Sign Fund** on your envelope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for All Saints to welcome, invite, share, and reach out beyond our walls - thank you for your generosity, because we are All Saints, All the Time!





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Worship at 8:00 am

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