

Holy Eucharist
All Saints' Day
November 5, 2023



WE SEEK TO UNITE ALL PEOPLE WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Prelude: Medley of Today's Hymns

Choral Call to Worship: Seek the Lord (S-217, 1, 2, 3)

Processional Hymn 287: For All the Saints (st 1-4).....Sine Nomine

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All Saints Prayers

Leader: God of the past,
All **on this feast of All Saints we remember before you, with thanks, the lives
of those saints who have gone before us:**

the great leaders and thinkers, those who have died for their faith, those whose goodness transformed all they did, and those who have been saints to us, especially those who we now come forward to name and light candles to continue to share their light. . . (*silence is kept as people come forward*).

Give us grace to continue their work.

God of love, grant our prayer.

God of the present, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the living saints in our own lives,

giving thanks for them and for all they mean to us.

With their example before us, we pray for those who grieve and for all who suffer throughout the world: for the hungry, the sick, the unemployed and the destitute, those who serve in the armed forces, and the victims of violence and persecution.

God of love, grant our prayer.

God of the future, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the newest generation of your saints,

and pray for the future of the church and for all who nurture and encourage faith.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises in the name of Jesus Christ;

we pledge to follow their example to the best of our ability:

to feed the poor in body and spirit;

to support and comfort the suffering, the sorrowful, and those who ask for forgiveness;

to encourage the meek and stand with them;

to affirm those who hunger and thirst for your righteousness;

to cherish and learn from the merciful;

to be humbled by, and stand with, the peacemakers.

We ask you to help us see that we are called to be your saints neither by our own inclination nor in our own strength

but simply by your love and grace, made known to us through your Son, Jesus, our Savior and our Lord. Amen!

The people are invited to come forward to light a votive candle in memory of departed saints.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared

for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

Psalms 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 293: I Sing A Song of the Saints of God.....Grand Isle

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Response **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

Response **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily (Please be seated)

Fr. RJ

THE NICENE CREED (Please Stand as You Are Able)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble especially Vonda, Henry, Jim,

Jane, Ron;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Anne, our bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Hear Us Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

**to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please remain in your place and greet one another with a non-contact greeting.

PARISH NOTICES

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, we thank you for those among us whose lives together are a sign of Christ's love to the world, and we thank you especially this day for those who are celebrating their anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. In Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: Spirit Song.....John Wimber

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant adds a proper preface

The Celebrant proceeds

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
THE 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

Communion Music: Excerpts from Water Music.....G. F. Handel

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

To Be Said By Those Online and Other Choosing Not to Receive the Sacrament

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I pray that You come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die in Your love. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 618: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.....Last Uns Erfreuen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ALTAR GUILD DEDICATIONS

- To the Glory of God

BOB'S MUSIC NOTES

"For All the Saints" was by Bishop William Walsham How, one of whose pastorates was the Cathedral Church of All Saints. He was known as "The Children's Bishop" and "The Poor Man's Bishop." His hymn appeared in the English Hymnal of 1906 set to a lovely tune by Sir Joseph Barnby (known for "Sweet and Low") but Vaughan Williams' robust "Sine Nomine" (without name) eclipsed it.

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" was by British children's author Scott who wrote "Everyday Hymns for Little Children" - a volume for which she wrote words, music, and even illustrations! The cheery music was by the nephew of Hopkins who wrote "We Three Kings." He had a retirement home on Grand Isle in Lake Champlain, hence the tune name.

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" was authored by Anglo-Catholic hymn-writer Athelstan Riley,

his best-known work. St 1: The nine orders of angels; St 2: The Blessed Virgin; St 3: The Faithful Departed; St 4: Our response. The vigorous tune started life in Germany and was brought into our hymnal by the eminent RVW, all of whose harmonies lend themselves well for singing.

"Spirit Song" is the best-known work of John Wimber, former Quaker pastor, who founded the Vineyard Movement which emphasized the Holy Spirit. He was a pianist and singer and, for a while, associated with The Righteous Brothers.

Christmas is coming....and so is Thanksgiving! It is time to donate to Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown, led by our sister church, St. Paul's, and A Community Christmas. Both organizations need our financial support and donations will be divided between the two groups. No longer do we need to bring food to the church. Stark Fresh coupons are given for containers to select their own food. A turkey or voucher is also given. As for A Community Christmas, I have requested that we adopt two families of four. You may wish to volunteer to shop for the gifts. Intake day for all gifts is Tuesday, December 5. Any extra money will be donated to A Community Christmas to assist in aiding families who are not selected for adoption this year. Sue Little

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 8:

Evening Prayer, Zoom, at 4 p.m.

November Birthdays

3 Lindsay Wise

5 Mandy Pelger

7 Zachary Clark

23 Nathaniel Clark

25 Beth Crawl, Nora Smith

27 Kent Clark

28 Fletcher Clark

30 Sandy Turner

November Anniversaries

21 Dave and Marcia Kiesling, Gary and Livvy Mull

Servers this Sunday, November 5:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Sara Strattan

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Derek Gordon, Judy Hixon

Acolyte: Danny Holihan

Ushers: Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren

Altar Guild:

Servers next Sunday, November 12:

Eucharistic Ministers 8:00am: Paul Sack

Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Mark and Kim Nadel

Acolyte: Danny Holihan

Ushers: John Willoughby, Kent Clark

Altar Guild:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Vonda Temelkoff, Henry Aegerter, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, & Ron Brookes

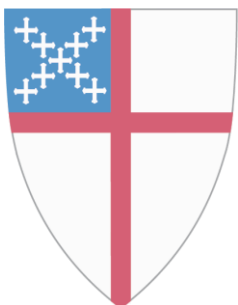
Family and Friends: Nori Shawk (Friend of Brynn Pelger); Heidi Hoekstra (friend of Father RJ); Alison and Johnny Willoughby (friends & grandson of the Willoughbys); Middle East & Heather Armington (request & friend of the Watters); Jane King; Paul Kit's family (son of Maxine Kit); Lee, Theresa, & Addelyn (friends of the Hixons); Don Siegfried; Darin Hill (friend of Derek & Emily Gordon); Elaine Campbell (friend of the Turners); Sammy (friend of Leslie Redmon); Bob Rownd (friend of John Werren & Anne Coen); Judy Heisser-Turner (sister of Bert Heisser); Melanie & Trish (friends of Paulette Frech); Broden Burt (Son of Ben and grandson of Chris & Carol Burt); Pam Lagodich & Bill Allen (friends of the Mulls); Pat Walter & family (friend of Barb Whitehouse); Don Martin & Mark Osterhage (classmate & neighbor of the Watters); Alycia Geis (Karen Violand's friend's daughter); Michelle Graber (Bobbi Gordon family/friend); Janet Sheatzley-Morgan (sister of Barb Siegfried); DaNay Jackson (friend of Ron Brookes); Allison Cornell-Hood, Jody Serentsis, & Anne Higgins (daughter & friends of Diane Cornell); Finnigan Savage (friend of Pam McCarthy); Gail (sister-in-law to the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler & Jimmy Little (friend & son of Sue Little); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temelkoff's cousin); Tony Donahue (friend of the Boyds); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (acquaintance of the Nadel's).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

Prayer Chain

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.



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Meet our Sunday School Kids!

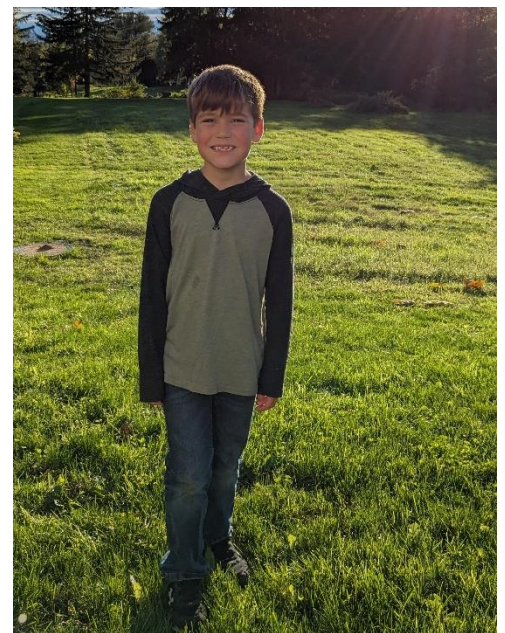


Hi, I am **JD Arnold**. I am 10 years old, and in the 5th grade at Glenwood Intermediate School. I love baseball, soccer and swimming. I am currently playing fall baseball and will play indoor soccer in the winter. I also swim year-round at the North Canton YMCA. I like to play chess and I am in Chess Club and Science Olympiad at school. I love to read. I am currently reading *The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket. The next books on my list to read are *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *Harry Potter*. I am a Cub Scout with Pack 127 and will crossover to Boy Scouts in February. Through scouting I learn about the outdoors and get to go camping.

My favorite part of Sunday School is chapel time because I get to learn about things that happened throughout history and how they shaped what we believe. I hope we can start puppet gang again because I think it would be fun to be part of it.

Hi, my name is **Emmett Arnold**. I am 7 years old. My birthday is March 18th. I like to play video games, Minecraft is my favorite. The games I like to play that are real are Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, and Freeze Tag.

I am in 2nd grade. I am in the 1-2 blended class at Barr Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. St. Clair. I call myself Crafty Jr. because I like to craft and I am lucky because in my class we do craftivities. I mostly make crafts about Minecraft. One of them is a diamond helmet that fits on my Steve costume. I am also a Lego Master and love building Minecraft Lego worlds.



The best part of Sunday School is that we learn about Jesus/God. It also means I get to see Zeke 6 days a week instead of just 5 days at school. Now you know about me/Emmett A.