

# Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

*Our mission is....*

*"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."*

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## Affirmation of Baptism

HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, May 22, 2021, 9:00am



\* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.) (BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **HYMN # 532**

**GATHER US IN, vs. 1-3**

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you,  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

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\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THE WORD

LESSON READING: ROMANS 8:22-27

Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

PASTOR KRISTIN RICE

\* HYMN OF THE DAY: # 732

BORNING CRY

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.  
When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

## THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

This is a great day in the life of our community of faith as our Confirmands publicly affirm their baptisms. Brought to the font by parents and sponsors, today they commit themselves to ongoing relationships with Christ and with the Church.

*Confirmands are invited to stand.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Confirmands:* I renounce them.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The Confirmands are addressed:*

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you  
in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Confirmands:* We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

*The congregation is addressed:*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life  
in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, through water  
and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin,  
and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift  
of your Holy Spirit: The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge  
and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence,  
both now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMANDS

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and have made public affirmation of their Baptism. Our 2021 Confirmands:

Austin Karg	Faith Karg
Joshua Kennedy	Gage Kloft
Keegan Lange	Noah Levine
Duncan Moeur	Ian Mooring-Benson
Hannah Roberts	Cody Skartveit
Aiden Thatcher	Sydney Williams

**HYMN # 532**

**GATHER US IN, VS. 4**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own,  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bones.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**THE MEAL**

- \* HOLY COMMUNION (HYMNAL, P. 130-134)  
The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection, broke the bonds of sin and death, and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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! Hosanna, in the highest!**

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, and 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."

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

SHARING BREAD AND WINE

**HYMN # 397**

**LOVING SPIRIT**

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

**Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.**

**Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.**

**Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.**

**Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be --  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.**

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**HYMN # 814**

**TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM**

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (sing 3 times)**

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\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and (✠) bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### \* SENDING HYMN: # 838

### LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey;  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And will all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

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### \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace; serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### \* POSTLUDE