



**November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
Worship Service 9:30 AM**

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

NURSERY – *is staffed today and is located across from the Children's Clubhouse.*

NURSING NOOK – *A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator.*

NOAH'S ARK FOR CHILDREN – *There are books, puzzles, lacing and tracing cards, and weekly activity packets for use during the service for children. Reusable items are returned to the ark at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God. Against you, **we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit. Restore your joy within us. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you. In Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

"For All the Saints" (Vs 1, 3, 7)

Hymn# 422

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children are invited forward for the Children's Sermon and following are invited to the Children's Clubhouse with Ms. Shannon.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ 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, ¹² singing,

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

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ 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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Will Never Fail You" by Cindy Berry

St. Mark's Choir

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. ² 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. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#205

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jen Beamsley

Please stand as you are able.

SONG OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like a River" (Vs. 1,3,4)

Hymn#785

The Congregation may be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

During the prayers of the church, we will light candles of those whose life was marked this past year by their birth into the Church Triumphant. During the prayers, the pastor will also invite you to come forward to light a candle in honor and remembrance of a family member or friend who was important in your life. We will proceed spontaneously and at will; there will be no ushers directing you.

Gathered with the saints by the river of life and surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the well-being of the church of God, the peace of the whole world, and the welfare of all people.

Wise God, guide the leaders of this world. Give them a heart for justice and peace. Give us a

desire for all people to have their basic needs fulfilled: shelter, food and water, clothing, purposeful work and education. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, we remember today all people who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. We lift to you known to us. Strengthen and encourage all people with your holy and healing presence. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**

We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves, looking with acceptance on all that we are, and cherishing us without condition or constraint.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have stood alongside us, holding us through good times and rough times, when words cannot express how we feel.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who challenged us to grow, urging us to be all we can become, and daring us to dream beyond our imagining.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We call to mind those who have died in the faith. We give thanks for your faithful witnesses who know the fullness of your grace and glory:

MARY ECKHART	PAT ESSIG	RODNEY JOHNSON
MARY JANE MULLER	MAX TESSIER	JAMES HILL
DONNA UPHOFF	JULIE KLINGS	BOB ALT

We celebrate those who have traveled before us, showing us how to live in love, and die in faith and hope.

For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness, for those whose loss fills us with longing, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The congregation is invited forward to light a candle in remembrance of those they have loved and lost. After the individual candles have been lit, the pastor continues:

With thanksgiving and celebration, we ask for your presence and guidance. Encourage and strengthen all your saints, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

The ministries of St. Mark's are made possible through the generosity of God's people. If you would like to make an offering today, offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary near the main aisles. You may also give online at www.stmarkswashington.org.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING RESPONSE

"Now Thank We All Our God" (Vs. 1&3)

Hymn #840

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God; **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION AT HOME AND IN THE PEWS

All are welcome to communion, if you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you. Children & adults who do not receive Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing by crossing their arms. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor.

Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor to take a cup of wine (DARK COLOR) or grape juice (LIGHT COLOR). The disposable cups can be thrown away in receptacles.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God"

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn #413

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn #631

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Vs. 1&2) Hymn# 632

DISMISSAL

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

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