

# "Let the Children Come" All Saints Lutheran Church

Wales, WI

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024



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In Person and Livestream

All Saints Lutheran Church is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture,

every sexual orientation and gender identity,

any socio-economic status and every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.

#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!**

We are glad that you've come to worship with us. Everything you need to participate in this morning's service is in your handout. We celebrate God's love and forgiveness with Holy Communion every Sunday and you are welcome to join us.

#### **WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING HYMN "Thy Holy Wings" Hymn #613 vs. 1, 3** 

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P:Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endure forever. Amen. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. (Silence is kept for reflection.) Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

#### **LITANY**

P: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

C: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

P: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

C: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

P: You Call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

C: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

# Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

SERMON: "Let the Children Come" Pastor Jennifer Rose

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "Children of the Heavenly Father" Hymn # 781

#### **APOSTLES CREED:**

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

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.

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. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Each prayer petition ends "Hear us, O God." Please respond, "Your mercy is great")

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

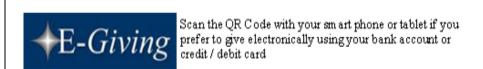
(We encourage you to share God's peace however you are comfortable. Hand-shakes, high-5's, fist bumps, peace signs, and gentle waves are all appropriate.)

#### **OFFERING**

#### **Text to Give**

Simply Text the phone number 262-233-1776 and follow the prompts. The first time you will need to get set up and register your phone. For future donations, simply text "*Give*" to this number.

#### **OR**





#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **MEAL**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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, 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.

#### **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.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

Please come forward to receive Communion. All are welcome! Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available at the table in the center aisle.

(Those of you online may use some bread and wine/juice to share at home. Please feel to say, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you".)

#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

"Jesus Loves Me!" Hymn # 595

"What Feast of Love" Hymn # 487

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk" Hymn # 815

#### **BLESSING**

God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

# Today's Worship Participants

Greeters Rick & Pam Gasper	Reader: Nancy Schultz
Communion Preparer Carol Renner	<u>Ushers</u> Brian & Sue Faust
Communion Wine Server:	Coffee Hosts
Carol Renner	Kathy & Bill Neubert
Kathy Neubert	

To sign up for Greeters and Readers, you can go online at:

All Saints Lutheran Church: 2024 Sunday Service Signup (signupgenius.com)

Coffee Hosts can sign up in the kitchen.

Ushers are assigned by Greg Cholka.

# Next week's Worship Participants

September 29, 2024 9:30 a.m.	Join us for Pr. Jennifer's Installation!
Greeters : Volunteers Needed  Communion Preparer:	Reader Jeff Voelkel
Caroline Basley	<u>Ushers</u> Al & Kathy Theis
Communion Wine Servers Rick & Pam Gasper	Coffee Hosts Sign up for the Potluck today!

# Join us next Sunday, September 29th as we celebrate Pastor Jennifer Rose's Installation at All Saint's Lutheran Church! Service at 9:30 am Potluck to Follow

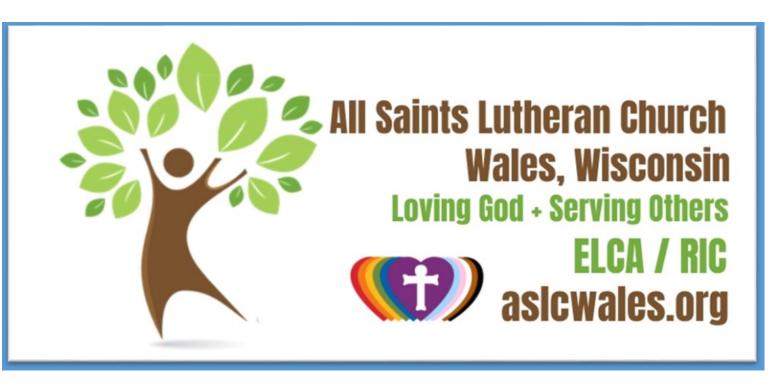
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 1:30PM TO 6:30PM

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# 613

# Thy Holy Wings



 $Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts.\ 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b.\ 1943, st.\ 2; tr.\ composite Music: Swedish folk tune; arr.\ hymnal\ version$ 

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#### Jesus Loves Me! 595 this I know, 1 Je - sus loves me! for the Bi - ble tells me so; heav - en's gates to 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died o - pen wide; close be - side me all the way; 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay lit - tle ones to they are weak, but him be - long, he is strong. he will wash a - way my sin, lit - tle child come in. let his he will take me home on high. when at last I come to die, Refrain Yes, Je - sus loves me, Je - sus loves me, yes, Bi - ble yes, Je - sus loves me, the tells me SO.

# 487

# What Feast of Love



Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939 Music: English ballad, 16th cent. Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light





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