



# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 7, 2021



## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us via Zoom and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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### Communion

*We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the bread of Life.”*

## GATHERING

### Call to Worship for All Saints (based on Revelation 7 & 21)

*A bell is tolled.*

The vision of John: Behold, 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, and this multitude was robed in white.

**And I asked, Who are these robed in white, and where have they come from?**

And I was told, These are they who have come through a great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them!**

*A bell is tolled.*

Before the throne of God they worship day and night.

**And they will hunger no more and thirst no more. Death will be no more; grieving and crying and pain will be no more.**

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd, to guide them to the springs of the water of Life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them!**

*A bell is tolled.*

We lovingly remember those we know who have died and have joined that great multitude before the throne. We light candles in remembrance.

*Candles are lit. A bell is tolled.*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;

**And let light perpetual shine upon them!**

And we look to the future with hope, to that day when we will join them in heavenly worship.

**Until then, we rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

# Hymn

## For All the Saints, verses 1, 2, 3 & 5



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glory passes on his way.  
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are  
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 strong.  
 blest.

## Greeting

Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all the saints be with you!

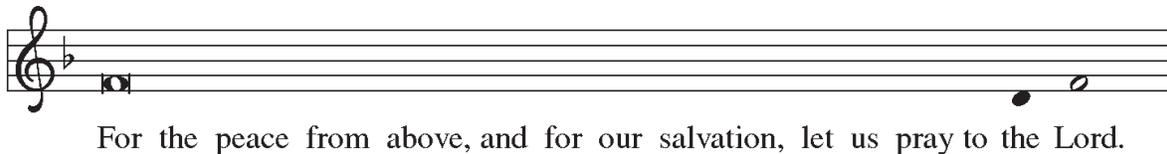
**And also with you!**

## Kyrie

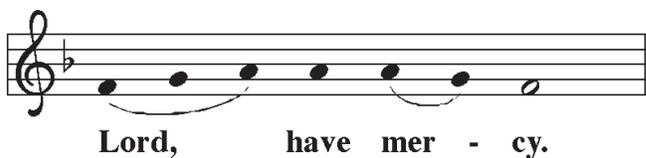
## *In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord*



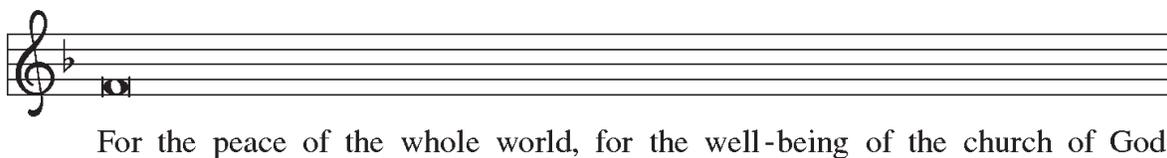
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



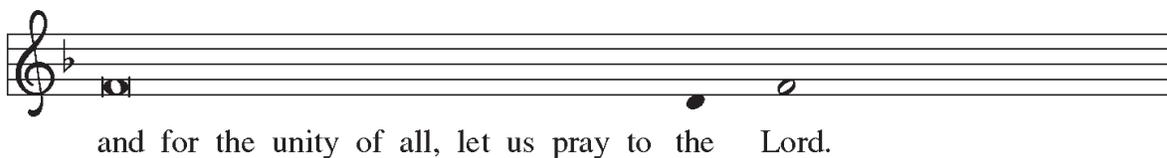
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



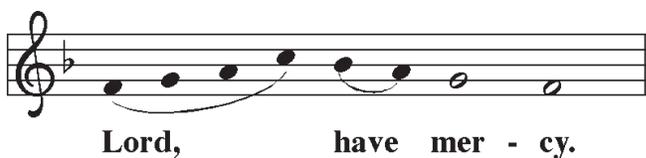
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



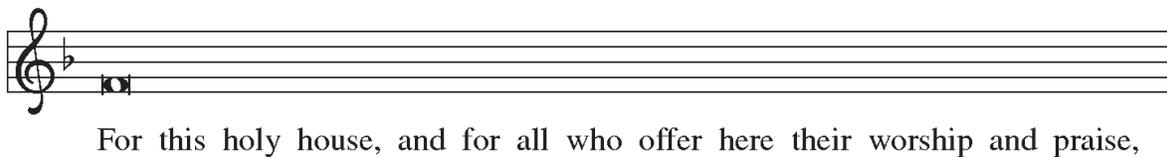
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



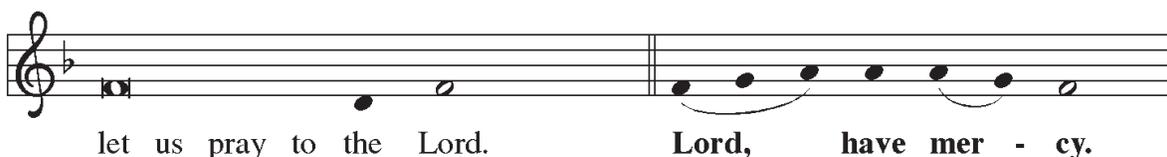
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



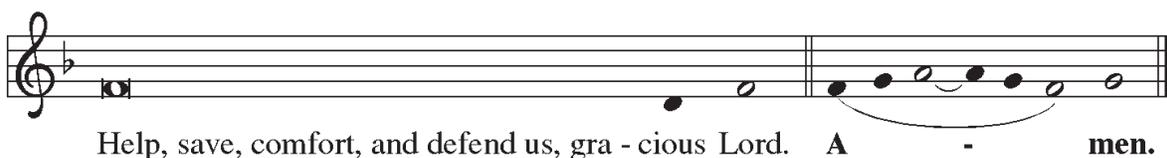
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

# Glory to God in the Highest



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

# THE WORD

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**Almighty and All-tender God, you have knit your diverse people together in one communion of saints in the mystical Body of Christ. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and service, and to know the inexpressible joy you have prepared for those who love and serve you, through Jesus the Lamb and Lover of our Souls. Amen.**

## Reading

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life.

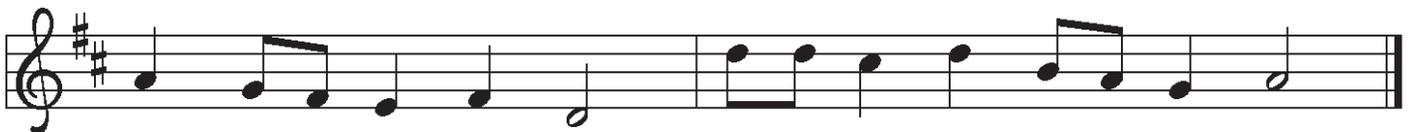
**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia! Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading

**John 11:32-44**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

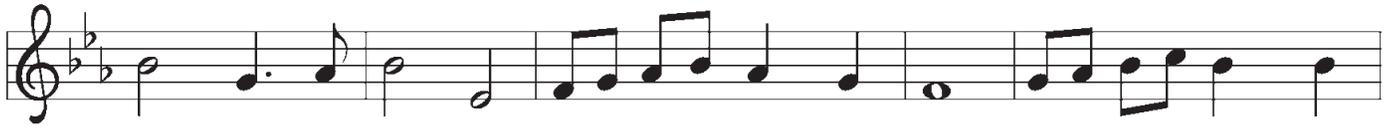
## Children's Time

### Sermon



# Hymn

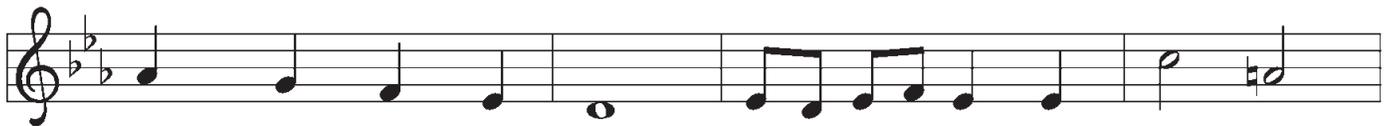
# Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

### Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **Offering and Affirmation of Giving** (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

**We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.**

**We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.**

**We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.**

**We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.**

**For Christ has died. Christ is risen. And Christ will come again!**

*You may use one of our options online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate/> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171.*

*Additionally you may be donate by mail.*

# COMMUNION

## **Eucharistic Prayer for All Saints**

*The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink.*

Living God, Giver of Life, as your Spirit moved over the waters at creation,

**Move over bread and cup and grace our table with your life-giving presence!**

As your Spirit filled disciples on the day of Pentecost,

**Set our hearts on fire with your love and empower us for ministry through this meal!**

As your Spirit filled us on the day of our Baptism,

**Unite us with all the baptized of every time and place in one great Communion of Saints!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken 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, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us when you come again in your glory, and teach us to pray:

**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 the Bread and Cup

### Communion Music

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another and with all the saints in light.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace (+) bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Postlude

### Sharing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Shall We Gather at the River?*

*You may remain on zoom to share the peace and visit with your Bethel Family.*

Stewardship of Service	This Week - Nov 7	Next Week - Nov 14
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Musician	David Tafone	Holly Redfern
Zoom Host	Summer Kaplan	Joann Noll

<b>Prayer Requested For:</b>	<b>Prayer Concern:</b>	<b>Prayer Contact:</b>
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Pray for health, stamina, well-being, and passion for learning for all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Ronda Bard
Faith St. John	Healing & support as she undergoes cancer treatment.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David & Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
The Griffin Family	Prayer for Harry as he continues physical therapy & chemo, but is in good spirits.	Staff
Katie Reitel and her Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as Katie is in hospice care with a long battle with brain cancer. She is at home with her husband Matt, her 7-year-old son Teddy, and her mom Liz. Please keep her and family in your prayers during this difficult time.	The Bentleys
Jim Van Dyke	Prayers for Jim after his surgery while he undergoes further treatment for cancer.	Karen Anderson
Cheyenne and Kent Marx, Pastor Glenn's niece & husband	Prayers for Cheyenne and Kent Marx as they live through the consequences of the accident that killed Glenn's nephew Colton.	Karen Anderson
Mitch Fletcher & Family	Prayers for Mitch Fletcher and his family.	Karen Anderson
The Bethel Call Committee	Prayers for clear thinking, compassion, and stamina for the Call Committee!	Rhonda Bard
Mary Hollingsworth (Kathleen's mom)	Prayers of healing for Mary Hollingsworth, recovering from a broken leg	Holly Redfern
Rose Marie (Ray Bard's niece)	We can give thanks that Rose Marie's house survived the Caldor Fire and remember those who lost everything to this year's wildfires.	Ronda Bard
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for Leo Lawrence, being treated for kidney cancer.	Karen Anderson
Bethel Community	Prayers of gratitude for the family of Bethel. Your warm welcome, help, and inspiration, back into communion and community have been a healing blessing.	Ginamarie L. Pezzi
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Patricia Connor.		

**Bethel News: <https://us18.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=de62ac9195b867478ad8a19cd&id=b3b3a27814>**

# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Full news online [bethelpdx.org/weekly news](http://bethelpdx.org/weekly-news)

## Farewell & Godspeed to Pastor Scott & Suzie

November 14, Sunday worship 10am in-person & online

Pastor Dunfee will be ending his service as Bethel's Interim Pastor. See his letter in this issue of the Blast for explanation and details. Be part of a time of "Thanksgiving and Prayer at the Conclusion of Interim Ministry".

## Call Committee Updates

11.05.21

### Whoa! Bethel is facing many changes, and we are feeling skittish!

Considering our denominational heritage of loathing change, our small and mighty Bethel community has an impressive number of changes underway!

### One ongoing transition is the process of calling a new pastor.

The Council and Synod worked together in Phase I of the pastoral transition, accepting the departure of Pastor Christine Core. Then Council, Pastor Dunfee, Dr. Hollingsworth, and the Transition Team led us through Phase II, the interim and self-study, made even more exciting by pandemic restrictions and online formats. The Call Committee has continued its work in Phase III with the blessing and support of Council, Juan Carlos La Puente (Assistant to the Bishop), and Pastor Scott. The wonderful news is that significant progress has been made.

**The committee has voted to recommend a candidate to Council** and will make that formal recommendation and present our written report at a **special Council meeting on November 14th**. If Council votes to approve that recommendation and an accompanying compensation package, then the candidate can be recommended for a congregational vote.

**Watch for details in the coming days as we work through the rest of the call process.** Please keep the committee, Council, candidate, and congregation in your prayers!

If you have questions about the call process, contact me or any Call Committee member.

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503 307 5706

## It's Not Too Early for Angelic Shopping

November 5

Archangel Joann Noll reports that preparations and connections for this year's Angel Project are underway—**watch for all the details in coming Bethel Blasts**.

We typically shop for ten families or so. **Heads up: If you have time and funds, you could take advantage of a toy sale underway at Fred Meyer through November 23rd**, with all toy prices reduced by 20% thanks to a coupon published in the FM flier distributed October 27. Joann says we can expect families with kids who are 4, 6, 8, and 9 years old.

## Except From Letter from Your Interim Pastor *(see full letter in this week's blast)*

November 5

Dear Bethel Family:

### LEAVING BETHEL

Sunday, November 14th, will be my last Sunday at Bethel, as I will be ending my time as your Interim Pastor. The timing of an Interim Pastor leaving one church and beginning a next interim can be challenging. Our Bishop has asked that I begin serving another congregation that is in immediate need of interim ministry. The thinking is that Bethel is far enough along in the Call Process that my work here can come to an end. Worship on Sunday, November 14th, will include a time of "Thanksgiving and Prayer at the Conclusion of an Interim". I hope to see you in person or on zoom. And let me say now what a joy it has been to get to know some of you, to serve you all, and to see the Spirit at work—despite the restrictions COVID protocols required. I only wish we could have had more in-person opportunities. I hope I have served you well. I ask your forgiveness for ways I have not.

### BETHEL'S ONGOING WORK

The Call Process at Bethel is not yet complete. Your call Committee has unanimously agreed upon a candidate to be Bethel's next Pastor and will be recommending this person to the Church Council. If approved by the Council, they will release the candidate's name and send biographical information to the congregation in preparation for the candidate coming to Bethel on a Sunday morning to lead worship, preach and have a Q & A session after the service. The following Sunday would be a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of voting "Yes" or "No" to call the candidate and voting on a compensation package. Once the candidate accepts the call, a start date is mutually determined. You could easily have a new Pastor by the beginning of the New Year!

Since I will be gone by the time the above events occur, Juan Carlos La Punete, Assistant to the Bishop, will serve as synodical representative and support to the Church Council and Congregation in these last steps. A Pastor will also be appointed to lead worship, preach and provide any pastoral care needed during the six weeks until the end of the year. Bethel has many talented and wonderful Lay Leaders who have proven themselves time and again during this period of transition and I know they will see it to completion.

In much love and prayer,  
Pastor Scott Dunfee

### Journey of the Heart

*June 17-28, 2022*

PS: Shameless advertisement—as Co-Director of Celtic Spirit Northwest, I am leading a group tour of Ireland, "Journey of the Heart", June 17-28, 2022. If you are interested or have questions, contact me at [sdunfee855@aol.com](mailto:sdunfee855@aol.com) as soon as possible.

There is still plenty of space but cut off is coming in April and it is expected to fill fast with people anxious to travel. There are brochures available in the back of the sanctuary or I can mail you one.

Pastor Scott Dunfee



### November Birthdays

- 5 Carol Knight
- 8 John Core
- 16 Barbara Lynch
- 21 Collin Burdick
- 25 Myrna Dunnigan
- 26 Phyllicia McGowan
- 30 John Knight