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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2025



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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Welcome to worship!
Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.

PRELUDE *Cantabile from six variations on a ground bass Johann Pachelbel*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

***Please stand to face the baptismal font
near the entrance of the church.
All may make the sign of the cross as Pastor begins:***

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.
C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved
community.
We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

P Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

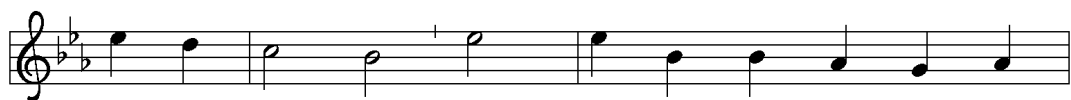
LBW 175



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

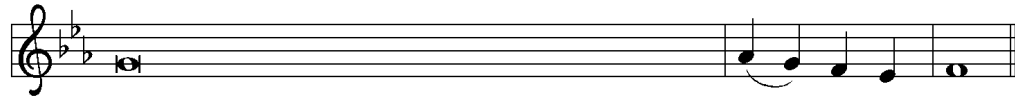
ELW Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



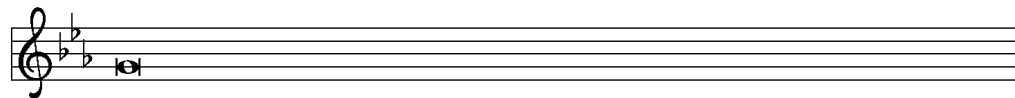
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



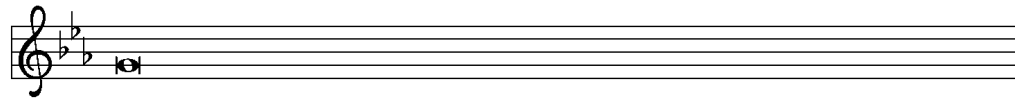
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting One



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

A A reading from Daniel, the 7th chapter.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

A The word of God. The Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149

- ¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
- ³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**
- ⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- ⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
- ⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- ⁸**to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**
- ⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

A A reading from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The word of God. The Word of life. C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting One



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Verse



They are before the throne of God,*
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. (Rev. 7:15)

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

For All The Saints

ELW 422

All stanzas will be sung. Stanzas 3,4,5 are below.



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; ..

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, ..



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



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



NICENE CREED

A Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Nicene Creed.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Lynn Buckingham

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from the Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it exists.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, including those we pray for in silence and aloud (*pause*). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of mission and ministry in and through our congregation and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE ***Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.***

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

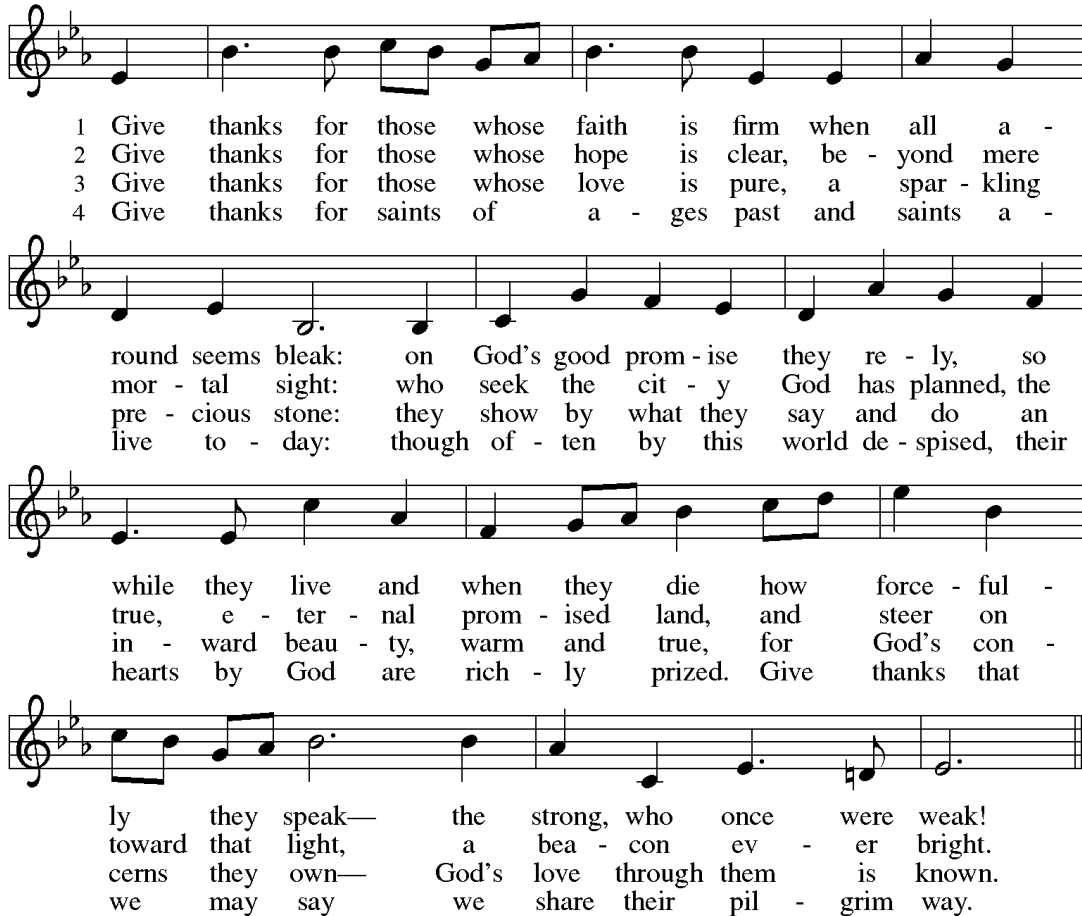
Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or sit.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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,
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from
this cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

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

Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

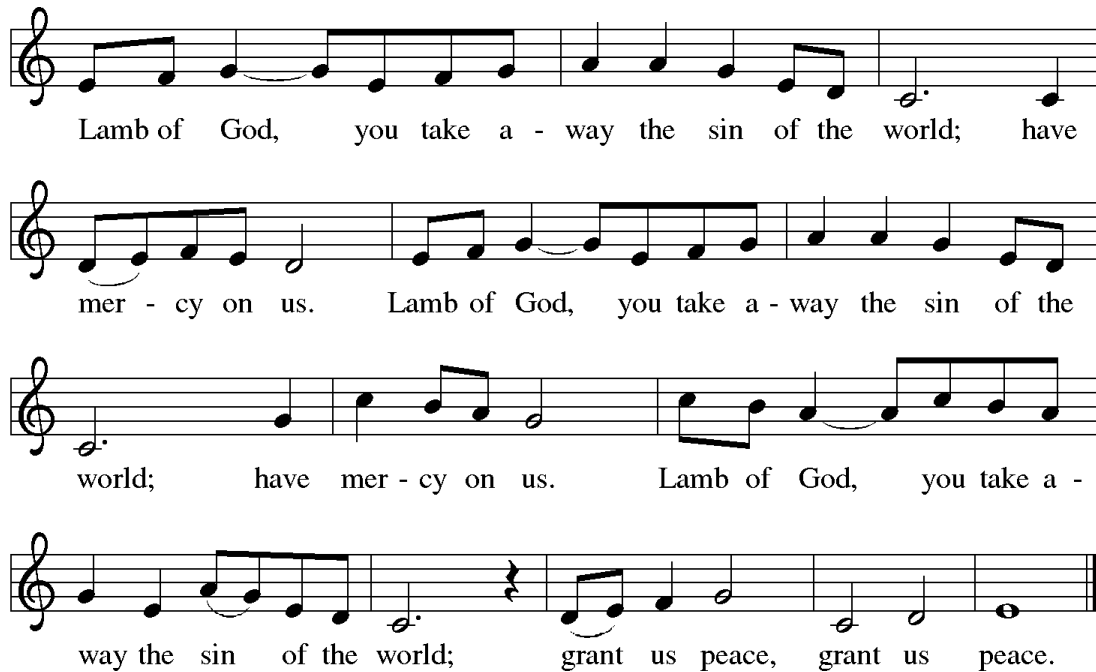
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the table of God.
Gather here with all the saints.
Come to the table where all are welcome

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting One



CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

Please come forward for Communion, alternating sides, beginning with those in the back pews, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.

The center contains purple grape juice.

White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

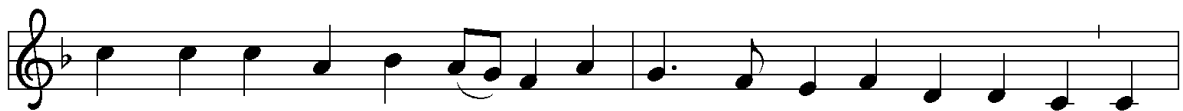
ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. May the Holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C Amen.

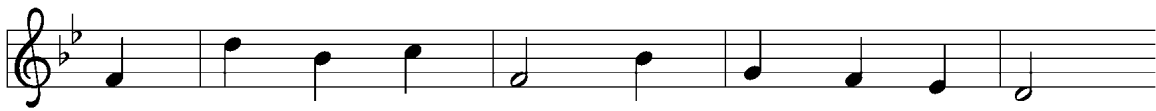
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Report on the 2026 Estimate of Giving.

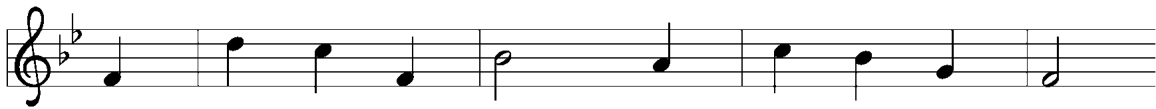
SENDING HYMN:

Rejoice in God's Saints

WOV 689



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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DISMISSAL

A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G minor from "Eight short preludes and fugues"*
Johann Sebastian Bach

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY

Aizhan Soltanova, Organist & Cantor
Kaitlin Shinholster, Greeter
Jack Martinez, Crucifer
Fred Lewis, Liturgist & Reader
Lynn Buckingham, Prayers of Intercession
Sue Papera & Lynn Buckingham, Altar Guild





After Mass Today
Refreshments in the Memorial Room



In Grace's Memorial Room
Wednesday, November 5th, at 1:30 PM



Via Zoom
Thursday, November 6th, at Noon
Biblical Understanding of Prayer & The Early Christian Traditions
Connection link & readings will be emailed.



PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Doris Baumann, Dale Lambson, and Family; Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: **Donald Lazlear** and his family, **Katie and Surella Borowski; Rose Davis** (cancer); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke; Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); **Janet Thalmann; Paul Thalmann; Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien, Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano; Al & Mark Crovatto; Anita Bontekoe** (health concerns), **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Ben Bontekoe** (health concerns); **Fred Lewis** (health concerns); **Mary Ellen's family and friends: Susan Beever; Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay's parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli's brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **Judy Letwink** (Lorli's nephew's Mother-in-law recovering from a stroke); **Betty Ann Lindhurst** (Lorli's friend with health issues); **Gisela N.** (Lorli's friend with bladder cancer); **Erika Ilgenfritz** (health concerns); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Nancy Barbee** (Pastor's friend with lung cancer); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell** (recovering from hip surgery); **James Mingo** (Donna M's grandson with health concerns); **Rick Gentile** (Donna G's son with health concerns); **Mary Sue Kaplow** (health concerns); **Gail Storero** (recovering from shoulder surgery); (baby) **Chris** (Ruth DiCicco's daughter) & **Bob Wheeler; Jeanne H.** (Lorli's sister with health issues); **Krystyna Kirsch; Alison (Ali) Krasnow & Family**; the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan, and organizations and individuals who are providing resources, care, and relief for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

*Loving God, we give you thanks for **Arouss Darpinian**, a friend of the congregation, who transitioned to heaven on Oct 19th. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord. Let your perpetual light shine upon her.*



COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Monday, November 3, 2025

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Friday, November 7, 2025

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

“It is taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in our own calling.”

- Augsburg Confession, Article 21

Saints who died since last All Saints Sunday:

Tom Ashley
Thomas Blazowski
Harold Bontekoe
Sue Byers
Arouss Darpinian
Vivian Denny
Frank DiBellis
Diane King
Carol Weber

Many other saints are remembered among us, including:

Beatrice & Milton Abrahamson	Thom Mongelli
Elaine Abrahamson	The Nuetzmann family
Linda Brunsbach	Chris & Jo Papera
Mark Buckingham	Lois & John Papera
The Barbee family	Richard Steinert
The Baskin family	John Thalmann
The Hepner family	Margaret & Paul Thalmann Sr.
Cynthia Keohane	Diane Tose
Elsie Keohane	Bruce E. Vermeulen
The Marshall family	Laurie Wahner
Richard Maxwell	Ruth Wright
Hedwig Menden	