

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 2, 2025 10:00 AM

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WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God's beloved child, "for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – For All the Saints (ELW 422) (Vs 1,2,6,7)



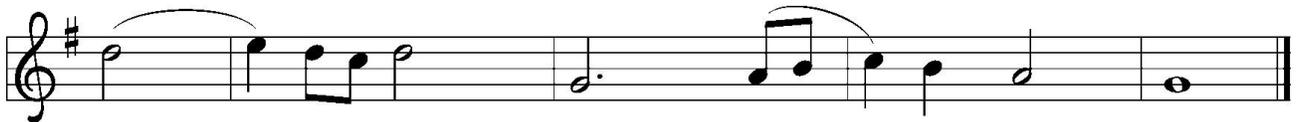
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



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!

GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – He Is Exalted (WP 55)

F F/A B \flat B \flat /D C/E

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise his

D sus D/C G m D m/F C/E C F A m

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

B \flat F/A G m D m/F C/E C F A m

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

B \flat F/A G m B \flat /F E bM^7 B \flat /C F B \flat /F F

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: 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.

All: **Amen.**

The assembly may 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.

¹ In 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: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I 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. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149: 1-5

¹ Hallelujah! 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.**

³ Let 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.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

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.

¹¹ In 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, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In 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; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God 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, ²¹ far 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰ Then [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. ²³ Rejoice on that
day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how
their ancestors treated 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 how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

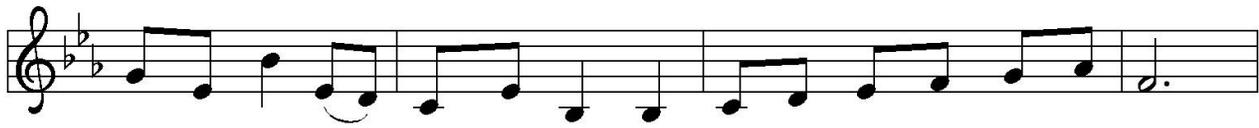
The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

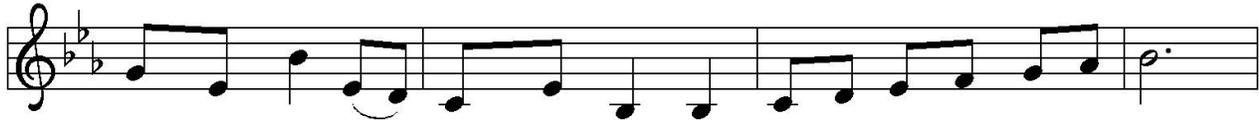
Pastor Megan Floyd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY – Sing with All the Saints in Glory (ELW 426)



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

All: **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.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...

All: **We remember, O God...**

Asst: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection, the promise of the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, and the resurrection to everlasting life.

All: **We remember, O God...**

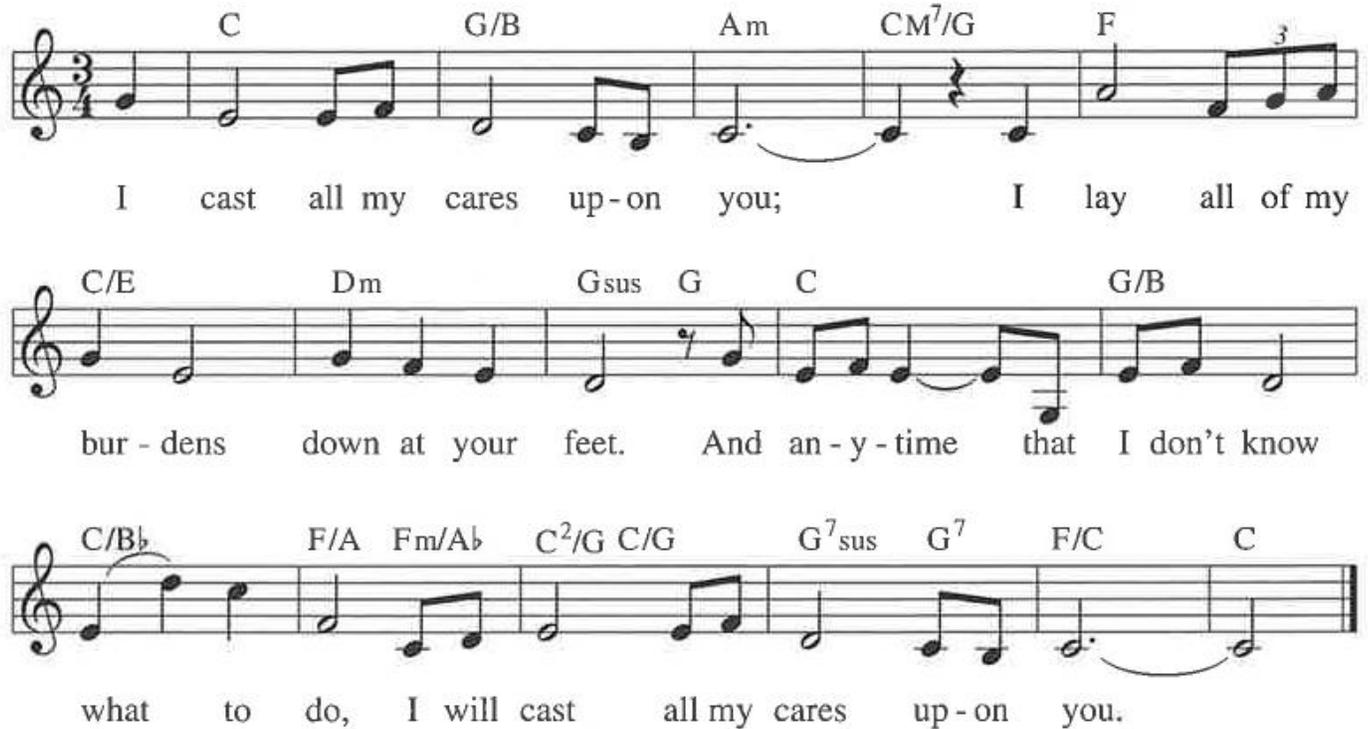
Pastor: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the love of parents. All the saints whose lives have blessed ours.

All: **We remember, O God . . . and we name them**

Asst: Dorothy Anschuetz, Jack Landry, Paul Salters, Bill Nyquist, Wayne Peterhans, Kim Johnson, Anna-Maria Ignatovitch, Helen Dersch, Greg Trimbach

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Cares Chorus (W&P 27)



I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my
bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know
what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.

Asst: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

...God of grace,

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Repeat "Cares Chorus"

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING

“Praise His Holy Name!”

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir
Bob Nelson, soloist

LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.

*“I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing
aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.” –
Psalm 26:6*



Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING RESPONSE – We are an Offering (ELW 692)

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a group of notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering."

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: 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.

All: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

Pastor: 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW 191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



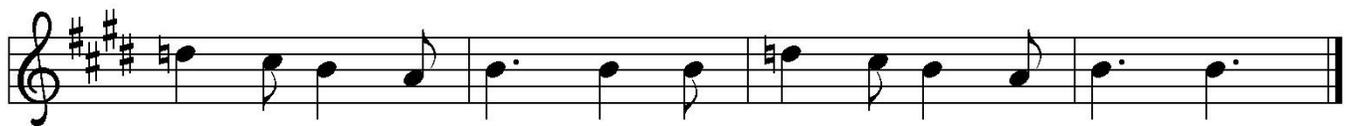
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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

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

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom come, your will be done, on earth as 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 kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

The assembly may be seated.

All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.

Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer.

If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.

If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.

LAMB OF GOD (WOV 621)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*1** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2 have mer - cy on us, *3* have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG – Shall We Gather at the River (ELW 423)



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

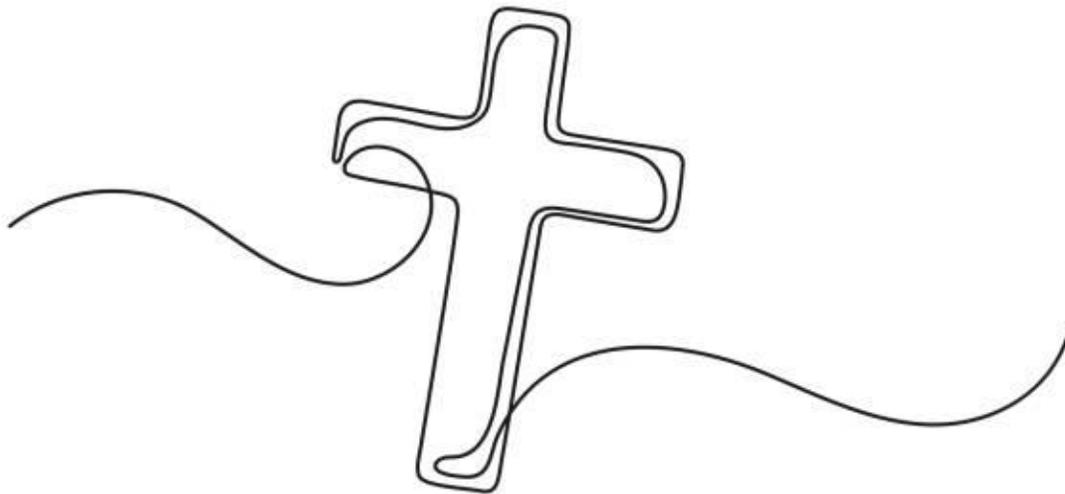
Asst: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

All: **Amen.**

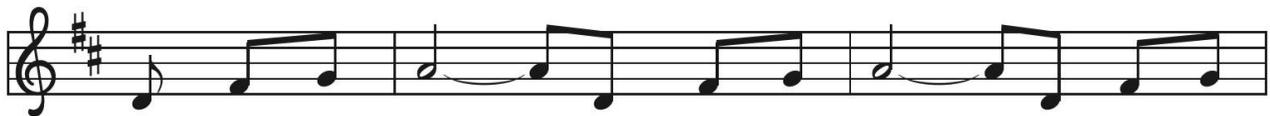
BLESSING

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

All: **Amen.**



SENDING SONG – Oh, when the Saints Go Marching in (ACS 950)



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“When Saints Go Marching”

arr. Bradley Sowash

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2

Worship Service @ 10:00am: **All Saints Sunday**
Yard Cleanup following service
Pantry Meeting in Library following service
HS Youth Group at ULC @ 5:30pm

Monday, November 3

Scouts @ 5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

Tuesday, November 4

Bible Study @ 12pm - Hybrid

Wednesday, November 5

Quilters @ 9:30am
Girl Scouts @ 5:30pm
Faith Bells @ 6:30pm
Chancel Choir @ 7:30pm

Thursday, November 6

A time of prayer @ 11:45am in the Sanctuary (or wherever you are)
Alzheimer's Care Givers Meeting @ 7pm in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 8

Mid- MI Shape Note Singer Conference @ 8am in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 9

Worship Service @ 10:00am: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

November 2

Greeter(s): Ken & Ellen Milne
Usher(s): Mike Eschelbach, Brenda Kopf
Coffee Hour: Addie Thompson
Counters: Tammy Heilman, Ramona Backman
Noisy Offering:
Acolyte:
Reader: Bob Nelson
Lay Assistant: Ryan Thompson
Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

November 9

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach
Usher(s): Doug & Linda Hirt
Coffee Hour: Sacred Harp
Counters: Linda Hirt
Noisy Offering: Matt Schnizlein
Acolyte:
Reader: Warren Heilman
Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson
Altar Care: Cecilia Kramer



We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially **CaLisa**, Kim, Kathy, Stella, Kari Lyn, Danielle, Grace, Julie, Marj, Kate, and Marla.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Alex, Braxton, Joey, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially our synod prayer partner, Grace Lutheran in Lansing, their pastor, Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas, and our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

****New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

Prayer Partners Letter

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YARD CLEANUP

Our Fall Yard Clean Up is this Sunday, Nov. 2 after service and coffee. The main job will be raking leaves as the yard is in very good shape thanks to the full Spring landscaping and last week's work with the middle school kids who were here. Stay as long as you want. Any questions, contact Bob Nelson or Rick Beaderstadt.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are collaborating with University Lutheran to form a community High School Youth Group that will meet in the evenings on the first Sunday of the month at ULC, and on the third Sunday of the month at Faith. We'll share a meal and build community through various activities. **Our next meeting is Sunday, November 2 @5pm @ ULC.**

FAITH FORMATION: Pre-K through Middle School (Confirmation):

We will meet on the third Wednesday evening each month for a community meal, followed by a VBS-style rotation for our younger students and confirmation programming for our middle schoolers. **Our next Faith Formation night is Wednesday, November 19 @5:45pm.**

PIE FEST

The Membership Development Committee is hosting a Pie Fest in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour on **Sunday, November 23rd**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!